


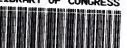


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## NEWS AND REPORTS

### AFSC BOARD TO CONSIDER CPS RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations regarding the future of Friends CPS, which were made by the CPS (Executive) Committee last week, will be considered for final action by the American Friends Service Committee at its Board of Directors meeting on September 13. Instead of transmitting this action to Selective Service at an annual fall meeting of groups participating in CPS, this year the decision, together with preliminary discussions with the Brethren and Mennonite Committees, NSERO and SSS, will form the basis of negotiations with SSS for working out the future of Friends CPS.

### DIRECTIONS OF OFFICIAL TALKS

This week there have been meetings in Washington of the CPS executive directors, the Board of NSERO, and a joint session of these groups with representatives of SSS. These preliminary discussions indicate: 1) that the Brethren and Mennonites are planning on continuing their administrative roles in CPS for the duration; 2) that dependency provisions and demobilization plans will receive primary consideration in the development of the CPS program; 3) that after fire season there will probably be an expansion of the present special service projects; 4) that some new special projects are in the stage of negotiation; 5) that SSS is prepared to assume administrative responsibility for any base camps relinquished to them; 6) that a base camp will probably not be closed except when there is no longer a project need in the camp for CPS men; 7) that this "need" will be determined in part by the desire of the technical agency for continuing the project, by the possibility of replacing the CPS manpower and by the quality and innate worth of the work project; 8) that SSS plans no discrimination against CPS men in demobilization discharges; 9) that the Mennonites and Brethren Committees believe that alternate service provisions for C.O.s should be included in any peacetime military conscription measure.

### WORK FOR THE NIGHT IS COMING

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Labor Day will find staff members of AFSC, BSC, MCC, and NSERO meeting in Phila. for another session of the inter-agency demobilization planning group. The agenda calls for 1) the development of plans to gear in the work of this group with the work of SSS in demobilization discharges; 2) working out a coordinated inter-agency program for helping to bring demobilized CPS men in touch with the work and the communities where they can make the most satisfying adjustment and the greatest contribution; 3) a definition of interest areas for which an agency would assume some job-opportunity responsibility--cooperatives, race relations, education, industrial relations, etc.; 4) discussion of bulletins to be prepared on post-war job opportunities; 5) discussing standard methods and procedures for transmitting job opportunity information to CPS men.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Two assignee members of the CPS (Executive) Committee--Roy Kepler (Laurel, Md.) and Wilbert Edgerton (Williamsburg, Va.)--have been selected by the assignee representatives to serve on the nominating committee that is to review the offices of chairman and vice-chairmen (two) of the CPS Committee. Other members of the nominating committee are: Anna Brinton, Eleanor Stabler Clarke, Reed Cary, and Bernard Walton. No meeting date has been set as yet.

### MENTAL HYGIENE WAYS AND MEANS

A meeting to discuss the directions and the ways in which the work of CPS men in the field of mental hygiene should develop, was held in Phila. on Wednesday. Representatives from AFSC, BSC, MCC, NSERO and the CPS Mental Hygiene Program considered the questions of 1) coordinating the efforts of all CPS groups active in mental hygiene; 2) improving and expanding

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### ADM. AGENCY MEETING ON DEMOBILIZATION

The Inter-agency Demobilizing Committee, consisting of staff members from AFSC, BSC, MCC and NSBRO, met for a day and a half this week and reached conclusions on five matters. 1) The criteria for discharge from CPS (dependency, age, term of service) reported by Paul French as being considered by SSS are the right ones and that their relative weight should be carefully evaluated by the Executive Directors of NSB. 2) The men responsible for the demobilization programs in the three agencies should meet at least once a month, perhaps more often, in order to share thinking and maximize cooperation where feasible. 3) Each agency should keep Gordon Aldorfer, the secretary of the group, informed of all explorations on employment possibilities so that he can avoid duplication of effort and insure sharing of information. 4) Aldorfer should go ahead with research bulletins on a) coop employment possibilities, b) rural settlement, c) present plans of peace church colleges to offer scholarship aid to CPS men, d) YMCA employment possibilities, e) post-war relief plans of the Monnonites, Brethren and Friends. 5) The historic peace churches and other denominations concerned with the post-war settlement of CPS men should work together through local councils in cities where there are more than a few ex-CPS men needing employment contacts, medical facilities or other community assistance. All three peace churches are now busy informing their membership of the opportunity offered for productive cooperation between local churches or meetings and the returning service men, whether from CPS or the armed service.

### PREPARE FOR SSS DISCUSSION OF CPS RECOMMENDATIONS

A preliminary inquiry by telegraph was made this week of all AFSC-CPS camps to learn approximately how many men would be willing to transfer to a Friends camp with the expectation that such a camp would be taken over by Selective Service to administer. This information is needed for further discussions with SSS about the recommendations of the Committee on the Future which were approved by the CPS (Executive) Committee on August 25. It is hoped that arrangements can be worked out with SSS so that the AFSC can continue to make available dependency benefits, counsel on demobilization and vocational guidance, and aid with educational and religious programs to all men desiring such assistance in any Friends camps transferred to SSS administration. In making inquiry this week, the Phila. CPS staff called attention to the recommendation of the Committee on the Future that "it is not intended in any way to bring pressure on men of differing views to leave AFSC-CPS" and that SSS cannot guarantee to keep upon any camps it takes over or promise not to transfer men from one government camp to another.

### DRURY RESIGNS TO DO HOSPITAL WORK

Roger Drury, assistant director of Cooperstown CPS camp for the past eight months, resigned his administrative responsibilities this week in favor of work as a regular member of a Friends CPS mental hospital unit. Roger is taking a three weeks' furlough, at the end of which time assignment will be made to a specific hospital. A new director will be selected by the men of the camp and the central executive staff in accordance with the Procedure for Selection and Review of Staff (Memo #461), which went into operation this month.

### PUBLIC SERVICE CASH VALUE....

"About \$1,000,000 per year is being earned but not received by CPS men in special service units (hospitals, training schools, etc.) at the present time," according to a study recently completed by CPS administrative agencies. "This is exclusive of about \$400,000 per year which is earned but not received by CPS workers on dairy farms, agricultural experiment stations and dairy herd testers."

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### AFSC BOARD TO CONSIDER CPS RECOMMENDATIONS FURTHER

The AFSC Board of Directors discussed the future of Friends CPS for approximately an hour and a half on Wednesday, September 13. Several members of the Board expressed uneasiness with the CPS program. However, since pressure of other business prevented full consideration of CPS, the Board is planning to devote its full attention to the future of Friends CPS at its next meeting on October 4.

### U.S.B. MEETING ON DEMOBILIZATION

A two-day conference on demobilization problems in CPS, sponsored by the National Service Board, is being held at Elgin, Illinois on September 19 and 20. The agenda for the meeting indicates that Colonel Kosch will attend the discussion on Tuesday morning, September 19. Consideration will be given to: the different plans formulated to date by the administrative agencies, and by other church organizations and service groups; the problems and needs of demobilized CPS men; and formulation of specific working plans among other church, service and local community groups to aid CPS men after demobilization.

### FALL GATHERINGS OF PACIFISTS

The large fall meetings of the AFSC will be held in Philadelphia on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24. The program includes reviews of all the major activities of the Service Committee—including a meeting of the Civilian Public Service (Executive) Committee on Friday, Sept. 23 at the regular time and place. Four or five assigned representatives expect to be present....The CPS sub-committee on race relations meets on Thursday, September 22.

The annual eastern conference of the Fellowship of Reconciliation will be in session at Labor Temple, 242 E. 14th St., New York City, from Friday evening, Sept. 22, through Sunday noon, Sept. 24. Speakers include: Norman Thomas, A.J. Muste, Tracy Strong, and Douglas Steere; and discussions are scheduled on post-war conscription, the present political situation, orientation of future FOR work, action projects, problems of CPS, and the disciplined life.

### GOVT. CAMP ASSIGNEE VISITS PHILA. & CAMPS

Furnoll Bonson, on furlough from CPS Camp at Gormfask, Mich., spent 5 days during the past week talking with CPS men at Powellsville and Big Flats, and with Paul French and the AFSC CPS staff in Phila. He discussed the hypotheses being tested in government camps—the major one being that church groups can render better service outside of the Selective Service System since the average CPS man feels the staff in church camps to be agents of conscription.

### SELECTIONS FOR ORLANDO

Nine men from Eastern and Western camps and units have been selected to fill vacancies at the Orlando, Florida public health service unit. Approval for their transfer after fire season, is being requested now of Selective Service.

### ABOUT INFO EDITOR....

The CPS staff think the readers of INFO would appreciate knowing that the Editor of this news service, who has worked untiringly on behalf of CPS men since his arrival in the Phila. office more than a year ago, is hospitalized for the next few days—no serious ailment. As a result, this first page of news and reports has not been reviewed by his "eagle eye" before publication.



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### CPS MEN HELP REMOVE RACIAL SEGREGATION AT CHELTENHAM SCHOOL

After nearly two years of constructive efforts on the part of CPS men and other concerned individuals and groups associated with the Cheltenham (Md.) School, racial segregation has been eliminated from this public institution and the first Negro superintendent in the history of the 70-year-old training school for delinquent Negro boys, has taken office.

On September 16, when R.A. Crump, the new superintendent assumed his duties, the last white and colored dining rooms were declared non-segregated, and staff members of both races ate in the two sections. Prior to the arrival of the CPS Unit, Negro staff members were segregated in the least desirable living quarters and only one Negro had ever held an important administrative post at the school. At a meeting with the CPS Unit the new superintendent announced that he desired all the seven white and seven Negro CPS men to remain at the school on the same basis as they had worked under the old administration. All except three of the twelve non-CPS white employees are resigning their positions on or before October 1, 1944. At the inauguration of Mr. Crump in the Governor's office, the Maryland chief executive promised that large additional funds would be available for the training of Negro youths in Maryland.

### CPS DEMOBILIZATION DISCUSSED BY KOSCH OF RELIGIOUS GROUPS

The probability of parallel, gradual demobilization of men from CPS and from the Armed Services sometime after the end of the war in Europe was outlined by Col. Kosch of Selective Service at the opening session of a 2-day conference of representatives from MSBO, AFSC, BSC, MCC, the Baptists, Congregationalists, Evangelical and Reformed, Methodists, and the YMCA at Elgin, Illinois, this week. Pointing out that CPS demobilization will probably be based largely on dependency, age and length of service, Col. Kosch asked the conference for suggestions as to how a priority rating should be established.

In discussing a point system for priority rating, general opinion favored considering wives, children, and relatives in extreme need, as dependents carrying equal weight—whether incurred before or after induction. As an indication of the need for discretion in returning CPS men to home communities, Col. Kosch cited recent resolutions of war veterans that CPS men should be forced to serve twice as long as men in the armed services.

After hearing reports on the current activities and/or planning of the various organizations in respect to the demobilization of CPS men and their return to church and community, the representatives decided: (Continued on page 2)

### CPS COMMITTEE MEETING ON AFSC-CPS AGREEMENT

Summary reports on nine different aspects of the CPS program made up the annual open meeting of the AFSC-CPS (Executive) Committee in Phila. on Sept. 22. Among the reports presented and accepted by the meeting were the following. RACE RELATIONS COMMITTEE: "In view of the general sentiment in the Philadelphia State Hospital unit with regard to its proposed expansion, the Committee recommends that Friends do not proceed with selection of new men until they have negotiated with the Superintendent, Dr. Zeller, to further clarify the AFSC-CPS race policy. The Committee urges that the unit be increased only on the basis that all qualified men should be eligible, regardless of race or color. The Committee would like to inform all of those men who are desirous of performing some kind of community race relations work that there are several opportunities in the Philadelphia area. Marjorie Penney, director of Fellowship House, will welcome any

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### HOLD PRESIDENTIAL "ELECTION" IN CPS

Who would CPS men choose to be the next President of the United States — Dewey, Roosevelt, Thomas, \_\_\_\_\_? Do most CPS men agree among themselves in their politics? Do most CPS men believe in

using the ballot?

These questions and associated issues will be answered by men in Friends CPS with a straw ballot on the Presidential Election to be held in AFSC-CPS camps and units during the last week of October. The results will be announced in the Nov. 3 issue of INFORMATION— just before the national election.

The request for a straw ballot comes from "the grass roots". The purpose, according to the CPS men asking for an "election", is to "encourage objective thinking and discussion about the basic issues in the current political campaign, to stimulate interest in the 'outside world', to provide some fun with mock speeches and rallies, and to furnish some information for the C.O. 'record' which will be interesting from a sociological viewpoint."

CAMPAIGN ISSUES CPS men who are concerned with combating peacetime military conscription hope that their concern will be made one of the issues in this CPS political campaign and election. It is important, they believe, that CPS men write not only to the Presidential candidates but also to their Senators and Representatives for a statement of position on this question.

In each camp and unit the educational secretary will be called upon to assume responsibility for the campaign and election. Suggestions for campaign ideas and reading material will be channeled through the "edsecs". INFORMATION will be glad to receive brief statements for publication (limited to 15 lines) from CPS men supporting their candidates and their parties.

It is believed that men in camps and units not administered by the AFSC may also be interested in participating in this CPS political campaign and election. Should this prove true, INFORMATION will plan to carry the results of such balloting.

### CLARIFIED CPS DEPENDENCY PROGRAM EFFECTIVE NOV. 1

It is now possible to put the expanded dependency program of Friends CPS into effect on November 1. This announcement follows the clarification of basic policy and procedure during the past two weeks. The clarifying statement outlining the program appears as a SUPPLEMENT to INFORMATION this week.

### CONFERENCES...

A series of conferences of concern to CPS men are being planned for the period from October 30 to November 18. A 2-day meeting of some of the hospital superintendents, assistant directors, and mental hygiene leaders will probably be held October 30-31. The place of the meeting (probably in the Middle West) and the agenda will be announced later.

From November 1-5, the AFSC is planning a conference at Richmond, Indiana, in conjunction with which the next CPS (Executive) Committee meeting will be held. Race Problems and Postwar Conscription will come up for discussion as part of the general topic of the conference— "Responsibilities in the Period of World Adjustment."

The original date for the conference of camp directors and unit assistant directors of Friends CPS has been changed to November 6-12. The meetings will be held at Pendle Hill.

Another Middle West conference is being planned for November 14-18. Camp directors and technical superintendents will meet with representatives from the national and regional offices of the technical agencies and the religious administrative agencies to discuss matters relating to the administration of work projects.

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## NEWS and REPORTS

AFSC-CPS TO CONTINUE The recommendations of the "Committee on the Future," presented at the CPS Executive Committee meeting of August 25, were accepted by the Board of Directors of the American Friends Service Committee at its meeting on October 4, as the basis of continuance of AFSC administration in CPS. Coming to its decision only after long and earnest discussion of the principles involved, the Board concluded that support of the CPS program in the main does present the clear testimony of the Society of Friends against war, which is a primary concern of the Society, as well as of a large body of men in the CPS camps. The Board qualified its decision with the proviso that conditions developing during 1945 might lead to a reconsideration of withdrawal. A full statement of the Board's decision has been mailed to each camp and unit under AFSC administration.

N.B.: APPLICANTS PHILA. STATE HOSP. A development of race policy, of interest to all CPS men, is reported by Robert S. Blanc, Jr., assistant director of the CPS Unit at Philadelphia State Hospital, second largest state mental institution in the country, in the following statement to Paul Furnas: "...I have had the opportunity of discussing the qualifications of assignees for this unit and am happy to inform you that all men in CPS are eligible, regardless of race or color."

MENTAL HOSPITAL PROGRAM NATIONAL CONFERENCE Plans for a National Conference of all agencies involved in the administration and work of CPS mental hospital units have crystallized to the point where a date has been set. The conference, according to plans just announced, will be held October 27-28 in Philadelphia. Attendance will include SSS representatives, NSB and Church Agency representatives, State Public Welfare and Mental Hygiene Dept. officials, Superintendents of institutions using CPS men, CPS unit assistant directors, the four leaders of the CPS Mental Hygiene Program, and the five advisors of the program. The agenda lists for major discussion: ways of increasing the significance of the work between now and the time of demobilization; the future of the Mental Hygiene Program; relationship between CPS units, demobilization, and the replacement of men due to increasing labor supply. Attention will also be given to matters of administrative adjustment, including the desirability of increasing the maintenance allowance to \$30 or more, in recognition of the growing cost of living and the increasing dependency problem.

TRAINING SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE Nominations are due in CPS INFORMATION office not later than the morning mail, October 17, for the Training Schools' representative on the CPS Executive Committee. Names of nominees and biographical sketches will go to Training Schools the same evening, for final selection by preferential ballot. Two nominees are already in, as we go to mimeograph.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING: RICHMOND, IND. Important administrative and financial questions are expected to come before the next meeting of the AFSC-CPS Executive Committee, to be held at Earlham College, Richmond, Indiana, on Saturday morning, November 4. CPS Representatives attending the meeting will probably also want to take in one or more sessions of the conference on conscription, demobilization, C.O. dependency, foreign service and race relations, which takes place at Earlham from November 1st to 5th, inclusive.

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### POWELLVILLE CAMP TO CHANGE HANDS

On November 15, according to a decision reached as we go to press, the AFSC will turn over the Powellsville camp site to the Mennonite Central Committee. This change, in line with the announced policy of AFSC-CPS to reduce its quota of base camps, will serve in addition two purposes: providing a Mennonite-administered base camp for men inducted in the East, and making possible the transfer of a large number of men from Friends camps to Special Service. At present such transfers are blocked by the fact that AFSC base camps are short of man-power for their winter programs. All men now assigned to Powellsville will be transferred either to other AFSC base camps or to Special Service before the MCC assumes charge of the camp, except for a small nucleus of key men, who will remain until replacements are trained. The Brethren Service Committee, in view of the number of men involved in this change, has generously made available openings in certain of its Special Service units.

### TOM & FLORENCE POTTS TO LEAVE BIG FLATS

Thomas Potts, Director of the Induction Camp at Big Flats, N.Y., who with his wife Florence has served for three years as volunteer and later as assignee director of four Friends camps, announced on October 12 his decision to resign. The first assignment of Tom and Florence Potts was direction of the Royalston, Mass., camp. This was followed by a period of 9 months as directors at Merom, Indiana. When Merom camp closed, Tom and Florrie were assigned to start the new camp at Trenton, North Dakota, which opened with three large groups of old-time CPS men arriving from three different camps. The Potts family was shifted to Big Flats when that camp became an induction center. Their departure from Big Flats follows 9 months of exacting work, supervising the induction program, an undertaking made more arduous by the painful back trouble which has given Tom no let-up for many months.

### JAUNDICE EXPERIMENT TO BEGIN SOON

Beginning early in November, 25 CPS men in two groups at Middletown and Fairfield, Conn., will undertake an experiment which will continue for four months under the direction of Dr. John R. Paul, of the New Haven Hospital, and Major Havens, of the Surgeon General's Office. It is hoped that the causative agent of jaundice can be isolated; and the results will be available for general use by publication in medical journals.

### CHASE CONOVER MOVES WEST

Chase Conover, CPS field representative in the Mid-West area, has moved to the West Coast for reasons of family health. Chase will take up work as Secretary of the Peace Section in the Southern California AFSC office. Since the beginning of the CPS program, Chase has given untiring effort to the interpretation of CPS, securing financial support for the program and understanding of the problems and aspirations of the men. We are happy that he is continuing in work with the AFSC, and our good wishes accompany him into this new service. \*\*\* Plans are being worked out for a person to be appointed jointly by the AFSC and the Five Years Meeting to carry on Chase Conover's CPS responsibilities in the Mid-West area and to develop the plans of the Peace Board of the Five Years Meeting. In the interim, John Kavanaugh, of the AFSC Peace Section, will help in the interpretation of CPS work to Friends in Ohio and Indiana; and the staff of the Friends Central Offices, at 101 South Eighth Street in Richmond, Indiana, will also stand ready to assist Friends in regard to CPS matters.

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**OBLIGATIONS OF FRIENDS** Conscription; race problems. CPS demobilization and dependency—these and similar sectors of war-time and post-war responsibilities of the Society of Friends will form the core of a five-day conference in Richmond, Indiana, from November 1 to 5. The conference, under the leadership of the AFSC, will be reinforced, it is hoped, by the presence of CPS men representing as many as possible of the AFSC-administered camps and units. Men from units of the other administrative agencies and from the government camps will be welcome to join in the discussions, too. The first two days will be devoted to the long-time problem of conscription. Friday, November 3, the CPS Committee will lead discussions of CPS demobilization and dependency; Friday evening and Saturday, racial conflict will be the main topic; and on Saturday afternoon and evening, November 4, the Foreign Service Section will assist in a discussion of current AFSC work abroad and prospects for the near future. A meeting of the Friends Fellowship Council on Sunday afternoon, November 5, will conclude the session.

**CAMP DIRECTORS AND A.D.'s MEET** AFSC camp directors and unit assistant directors will join in a combined conference at Pendle Hill from November 5 to 11. The major share of the time will be taken up with concerns common to both camps and units, as - for example - future plans for CPS, the philosophy of camp and unit directing, the personnel-vocational guidance and demobilization program, religious motivation and practice in CPS, the educational and recreational programs, dependency, financial support, government camps, reclassification, etc.

**NEW A.D. AT NEW LISBON** INFORMATION regrets that three weeks have passed, without any notice in this news sheet, since the selection and appointment of Warren Staebler as assistant director of the New Lisbon unit. Staebler replaces Marshall Sutton, who chose not to serve again, due to other interests.

**WHO'S IN: WHO'S OUT** The coming month will see several changes in personnel in the AFSC-CPS office in Philadelphia, which we group here together under one heading: **Dave Swift**, first as Special Project Secretary and more recently as Assistant Director of the Personnel and Counseling Program, has given more than two and a half years of his CPS time to endless and often frustrated effort toward broadening the CPS program. The whole of the Special Projects Program has come into existence since Dave started plugging away at it in early 1942. Many of the opportunities that now exist for service outside camps are Dave's doing -- and a monument not only to his good work but also to the efficacy of patient and steady progress. Dave's resignation becomes effective November 1. \*\*\* **J. Earle Edwards**, now an assignee of Big Flats, has been chosen to carry on in the Personnel Program where Dave leaves off. Earle will join the staff in Philadelphia shortly. \*\*\* **Huston Westover**, who has built up the Special Projects Program, has resigned, effective November 1. During Huston's eighteen months in the office, the number of men in Friends CPS Special Projects has increased to 43% of Friends CPS; and the Mental Hospital Program has enormously grown in size, scope, and significance. Huston's successor has not yet been chosen. \*\*\* **Howard McGaw** has been Ken Morgan's very capable assistant in the CPS Education Office for seven months. His decision to transfer back to a CPS project, probably early next month, will leave a large gap. As yet, no one has been appointed to fill this position. \*\*\* **Dusty Rhodes** also leaves the office soon to join the swelling CPS unit at Philadelphia State Hospital. Dusty has ably handled a variety of office work during the past eighteen months. CPS men know him best as Secretary of the Camper Representation Program, and for his work in lining up employment opportunities for CPS wives and men discharged from camp.

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**NEW ASSIGNEE REPRESENTATIVES** Newly elected CPS representatives to the Friends CPS Executive Committee, who will attend its sessions in Richmond, Indiana, on November 4, are announced as follows: Robert Coe, of Pennhurst, who succeeds Roy Kepler as representative from the Training Schools; Stephen Thierman, of Warren, who succeeds Wilbert Edgerton as representative of Warren, Philadelphia, and Eastern (Williamsburg, Va.) State Hospitals; Fred Reece, who succeeds Ralph Koeppel as Gatlinburg's representative. Nelson Fuson, recently elected representative of Trenton Camp, succeeding Henry Dyer, will attend the meeting of the Brethren Advisory Council, as AFSC representative, at the Council's meetings in Elgin, Pa., from November 5-8. John R. Brown, of Bedford, a member of the Brethren Advisory Council, will be the Brethren delegate to the AFSC-CPS Executive Committee Meeting at Richmond. Names of new representatives of Big Flats and Coleville camps have not yet arrived at the AFSC office.

**JAUNDICE IN PHILADELPHIA** By the time this issue of INFORMATION reaches our readers, it is hoped that final approval will have been secured for the establishment of a 35-man experimental unit in Philadelphia, working toward a determination of the cause of catarrhal jaundice, its mode of spread and methods for its prevention and treatment. The proposed unit will work under the direction of Dr. Joseph Stokes, Jr., of the Children's Hospital, and Captain John R. Neefe, Jr., who is working at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. It is expected that one half or more of the men's time will be expended in the research and the balance will be used in performing various essential jobs at the University Hospital, including laboratory work, perhaps some maintenance assignments and assistance with the experiment records. More details of the proposed experiment will be found in Personnel Memo P-33.

**MIDDLETOWN HOSPITAL UNIT INCREASED BY 10** Approval has been secured for enlargement of the CPS unit at the Middletown State Hospital, Middletown, Connecticut, by 10 men. This increase will raise the unit quota to 85.

**TOM POTTS EXPLAINS RESIGNATION TO MEN AT BIG FLATS CAMP** In a letter addressed to the members of the camp at Big Flats, Tom Potts, Director, expressed regret that need for extensive medical treatment had impelled him to resign, but stated a willingness to serve again in any capacity in CPS, at a later date. "My resignation," he said, "is not for ideologic reasons or because of any lack of agreement with the present policy of AFSC-CPS... Though your views and mine on many subjects, and particularly in regard to CPS itself, have differed widely, we have lived most enjoyably together and I feel that I have been the pupil and you the teacher. Thank you for your tolerance and your help and your forgiveness for my many weaknesses.

All but blind in his chambered hole  
Gropes for worms the four-clawed mole.  
All but blind in the evening sky,  
The hooded bat twirls softly by.

All but blind in the burning day  
The barn-owl blunders on her way.  
And blind as these three are to me,  
So, blind to someone I must be."

**EDSECS & PERSECS TO CONFER** A conference of AFSC-CPS personnel secretaries will be held at Pendle Hill from December 5-9, followed by a conference for educational secretaries from December 10-14. The tentative agenda announced for the first of the conferences gives high place to discussion of dependency, demobilization, counseling, etc. Although a few changes have taken place in the personnel of the edsec and persec roster, this double meeting is planned as a working conference rather than a training school.

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TRANSFERS RESUMED A temporary restriction of all transfers in Friends CPS, resulting from AFSC refusal to recommend applicants for a special service project practicing religious discrimination, was withdrawn on November 1 by Selective Service. The SSS order, according to a memorandum prepared by Louis W. Schneider, Assistant Executive Director of Friends CPS, resulted from "the lack of a mutually clear understanding between AFSC and Selective Service concerning the negotiation" underway between AFSC and the Extension Division of the University of Delaware. When the Extension Division, in seeking dairy testers for the State of Delaware, stipulated that the workers "should not be Jewish," the AFSC promptly replied that "in view of the long-established religious principles of the Society of Friends and the basic law of the country granting equal rights to all men regardless of race, creed, or color, we are not prepared to recommend these positions to men in our camps so long as this discrimination exists. We regret this particularly because we feel that there is opportunity for valuable service in such work. We hope very much that this discrimination may promptly be removed." At present writing, a fully satisfactory understanding has not yet been reached between AFSC and the acting Associate Director of the Extension Division, who has handled negotiations for the State of Delaware.

PACIFISTS CONFER ON CONSCRIPTION What is believed to be the first two-day conference on military conscription to be called during war-time by pacifists was held in Richmond, Indiana, November 1-2 under the auspices of the American Friends Service Committee. Talks and discussions which led to recommendations for specific action and a statement for public consumption were based on consideration of the history, legislation and attitudes toward military conscription, the probable effects of peace-time military conscription on American life and institutions, and its relationship to the world order. A resume of the conference will be found in a special Supplement to this week's INFORMATION.

Of the 230 persons attending the conference, 30 were CPS men from camps and units in all parts of the country. In addition to members of many different Friends meetings, there were representatives from the Church of the Brethren, the Presbyterian Church, the FOR, the National Council for the Prevention of War, the NSBR, the CIO, the YWCA, the Pacifist Research Bureau, the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

ELECTION FLASH!... THOMAS & HOOPES WIN LANDSLIDE IN FRIENDS CAMPS. SEE PAGE 2.

NEW ASST. DIRECTOR AT AMES, IOWA, UNIT Alfred Johnson, assignee at Coshocton CPS Camp who formerly served as Assistant Director of the Western State Custodial School in the Brethren CPS Unit at Buckley, Washington, has been elected by the members of the Ames, Iowa, Unit to succeed Byron Thomas as Assistant Director at Ames. Following the procedure approved last summer by the CPS Executive Committee for staff selections, the election resulted from Byron Thomas's decision to resign.

PHILADELPHIA JAUNDICE UNIT MATERIALIZES As forecast in last week's INFORMATION, the new 35-man Jaundice experiment unit to be operated in connection with the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, has been approved, to start in the latter part of November. The experiment will be run at least until July 1, 1945. Milton Gold, formerly assigned to the Massachusetts General Hospital medical experimental unit, has been appointed Assistant Director to start off the unit. He and Dr. Neefe, Medical Director of the project, are to begin visiting camps immediately, to interview applicants.

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### AFSC-CPS ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF HOLDS CONFERENCE

Service—defined as helping others to learn how to manage their own welfare and to assume the responsibilities inherent in such management—was the theme of the conference of Friends CPS camp directors and unit assistant directors held at Pendle Hill Nov. 5-11. This theme was introduced by Henry Cadbury, chairman of AFSC, in his presentation of the religious basis of Friends' service and was developed in specific CPS terms by the directors and assistant directors in 12 different sessions with the AFSC-CPS central administrative staff.

These sessions included discussions of plans and procedures for personnel counseling, vocational guidance and demobilization; religious, educational and recreational programs; dependency and health; reclassification and discharge; transfers; CPS Mental Hygiene Program; selection and review of staff; camp and unit self-government; finances; public relations and intra-camp and unit relations. Because this was the first joint conference of administrators from camps and special service units, the nature and the scope of the F-CPS program and the inter-relationship of its various parts were brought into focus for the first time in an administration meeting. (Continued on Page 2.)

### 50,000,000 VOTERS CAN BE WRONG!

Despite the record-breaking number of ballots cast for Democratic and Republican candidates in the national election, an overwhelming majority vote for the Socialist Party ticket of Thomas & Hoopes continued to be cast by CPS men in the late returns received this week in the presidential straw ballot conducted by INFORMATION. Final total results of the CPS voting:

Socialist	582	67%	of ballots cast
Republican	193	22%	" " "
Democratic	54	6%	" " "
Prohibition	18	2%	" " "
Socialist-Labor	17	2%	" " "
Total votes cast	864		

A total of 32 different camps and special service units from all sections of the country participated in the straw ballot. Included in these groups were projects under the administration of BSC, MCC, SSS, and the Methodist Peace Commission, as well as the AFSC. All Friends camps were represented in the "election" except Cooperstown and Glendora; all Friends special service projects except Williamsburg, Ames and Wooster.

### AFSC-CPS COMMITTEE SELECTS NEW CHAIRMAN

Sumner Mills of Indianapolis, father of a CPS man and former director of Coshocton camp (CPS #23), assumed chairmanship of the AFSC-CPS (Executive) Committee following the approval of his nomination at the CPS Committee meeting in Richmond, Ind., on Nov. 4. Harold Evans of Philadelphia, who has been chairman of the Committee since April 1941, will serve as one of the vice-chairmen. Gordon Jones of Avondale, Pennsylvania, is the other vice-chairman.

### INFO SUPPLEMENT

A report of the CPS (Executive) Committee meeting of Nov. 4, and the public statement adopted by the conference on peacetime military conscription in Richmond, Nov. 1-4, appear in this week's Supplement to INFORMATION. The Committee meeting was devoted largely to a consideration of CPS demobilization and dependency problems.

### NEW CPS REPRESENTATIVES

Five of the six newly elected assignee members of the CPS (Executive) Committee attended the meeting in Richmond. These were: Charles Read, Big Flats, N.Y.; Fred Reeve, Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Stephen Thierman,



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### TO SELECT THREE CAMP DIRECTORS

The selection of new directors for three F-CPS base camps is in progress, following the recent resignation of Tom Potts of Big Flats, John Ferguson of Gatlinburg, and Brooke Morgan of Coshocton. (Tom Potts is to undergo a back operation, following which he is expecting to receive a medical discharge; John Ferguson is going to work for the AFSC Peace Section against Peacetime Military Conscription; Brooke Morgan has been serving as acting director, pending transfer to Orlando.)

The selection of new directors is being made on the basis of the F-CPS "Procedures for Selection and Review of Staff." (INFO Supplement 7-28-44) Following this procedure, Big Flats has already nominated several men for camp director. It is expected that the final list of candidates, mutually acceptable to both the camp and the AFSC-CPS executive office, will be completed shortly. From this list the camp will recommend one man for formal appointment to directorship. Gatlinburg and Coshocton camps are preparing their initial lists of candidates.

### DISCRIMINATION DISCONTINUED..

The policy of discriminating against Jews in filling positions for dairy herd testing work in Delaware has been discontinued, according to a letter received this week from the acting associate director of the Extension Division of the University of Delaware. The letter indicates that in any future placements, the acting associate director will accept conscientious objectors on the basis of merit and will consider men of Jewish race on the same basis as other applicants. (Several weeks ago, the AFSC decided "that it could not recommend these positions to men in our camps and units because of a requirement that the workers 'should not be Jewish.'...Due to incomplete information and the lack of a mutual-ly clear understanding between AFSC and SSS concerning the negotiations of this matter, SSS at first decided that no transfers of men into or out of AFSC camps or units could be authorized until the two dairy herd improvement testers positions in Delaware were filled." This transfer ban was later lifted. See INFO 11-3-44.)

### COSHOCOCTON CAMP TO CONTINUE UNDER AFSC ADMINISTRATION

Two and one-half months ago, at the request of the F-CPS and the men at Coshocton, Selective Service agreed to consider taking over the administration of the Ohio camp.

Early this week the decision of SSS in this matter became definite — it will not administer Coshocton.

### SSS CAMP MEN ELIGIBLE FOR JAUNDICE EXP.

Special Service Project opportunities for men in Government camps received a welcome increase this week with the announcement that assignees from Mancoos, Lapine and Germfask will be considered for the Philadelphia Jaundice Experiment (INFO 10-27-44). The F-CPS Personnel Office reports that this prompt action on the part of Mr. Imirie of SSS will help to make it possible for this 35-man experimental unit to get under way this month.

### WESTERN MEN MAY GET JAUNDICE, TOO

Men in Western CPS camps will have an unusually good opportunity to be considered for another proposed Jaundice Experiment in the East, according to plans announced this week to send a doctor to visit CPS camps in the West for the purpose of explaining the nature of the project and passing upon volunteers.

### A CHANCE IN A LIFETIME

"A chance that comes once in a life-time to raise the standards of attendants' work in mental hospitals," is the way Dr. Earl Bond, director of

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### OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION: Public Groups

The rallying of church, education and labor groups to oppose peacetime military conscription has started and is beginning to have an effect upon congressional leaders and other proponents of a compulsory training act, according to reports from the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Advocates of a military training law are now suggesting postponement of congressional action and at the same time are commencing an extensive campaign through the press and the radio to build up a more favorable public sentiment. Leading the rally this past week in voicing opposition to immediate passage of a compulsory military training act were the Archbishops and the Bishops of the Catholic Church in the United States. In joining the growing list of church groups opposing the immediate enactment of a peacetime conscription law, these leaders of 23,000,000 American Catholics said: "This problem should not be settled until after the end of the war and we know what the international situation shall be. Those now serving in the Army and Navy should be given an opportunity to express their views on this measure before it is enacted." (Continued on page 2.)

### OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION: CPS men

The efforts of CPS men against peacetime military conscription have now become an organized activity with which certain associated peace groups are cooperating. Recognizing that CPS men are one of the largest and staunchest groups in the pacifist movement, the AFSC and the BSC are expanding and intensifying their work with CPS men on this issue. Ed Meyerding, formerly of BSC Camp Bedford, Va., has recently been appointed to the staff of the AFSC Peace Section to work directly with men in F-CPS. He is 1) serving as a central source of materials on peacetime military conscription, 2) supplying camps and units with periodic summaries of the situation, and 3) acting as a clearing-house for speakers and counsel on this subject. A handbook for CPS men on peacetime military conscription, edited by Ed Meyerding and sponsored by the AFSC and BSC, will be available shortly. A special service unit in a large city reports that it is organizing a speakers bureau of 20 members, including panel discussion teams. The services of the bureau will be available to civic, church and labor groups, schools, etc.

### DEPENDENCY PROCEDURES AND NEEDS ANNOUNCED

A statement of procedures for CPS men to follow in securing aid for their dependents under the F-CPS expanded dependency program (INFO: 9-29-44), was issued to camps and special service units this week. According to this announcement, "the F-CPS Social Service Office will handle the dependency program for all men in F-CPS, with a monthly clearance of costs between the historic peace churches taking care of the financial load." Financial problems are such, however, that if this expanded dependency program is to continue beyond an initial three-month trial period, there will have to be a substantial increase in the F-CPS dependency funds. In this connection, various national church organizations and Friends Meetings are being approached for funds for dependents of their own members in CPS, as well as other CPS dependents. It is hoped that CPS men, especially those without dependency problems, will assist in explaining the needs of the F-CPS expanded dependency program to their own church groups.

### In This Week's INFO SUPPLEMENT

Reason for encouragement to respond to the invitation of the U. S. State Department to make suggestions and raise questions about the Dumbarton Oaks proposals for world order appears in "What This Year Means For World Peace". An opportunity to improve race relations is reported by Wilson Head, assignee member of F-CPS Race Relations Com., in "Crossing the Color Line."



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### CONFERENCES, MEETINGS, ETC.

Several meetings relating to CPS take place during the next 10 days. Tonight (Dec. 1) a meeting of the AFSC in New York City centers about the topic: "Our Witness Against War Through Civilian Public Service!" Discussions will be led by CPS men....A 5-day conference of F-CPS personnel secretaries from camps and units all over the country will begin at Pendle Hill on Dec. 5. Since most of the "persecs" have had some experience in their work, this training school is planned essentially to be a working conference....On Friday, Dec. 8, the regular monthly meeting of the AFSC-CPS (Executive) Committee will meet in Philadelphia. Problems arising from a serious financial deficit and the need for additional counseling and administrative assistance will be major items on the agenda....The 3rd annual Rural Life Conference of the historic peace churches will be held at Bluffton College (Bluffton, Ohio) from Dec. 8 to 9. A warm welcome has been extended to CPS men to attend this conference and join in the discussion of: "Conservation of Our Resources--Spiritual, Natural, Economic and Social."

### THE CPS UNION

In response to inquiries about an alleged investigation of the CPS Union and its activities, the AFSC-CPS office this week announced it "considers the CPS Union to be an undertaking by CPS men, with no relationship to the AFSC," and "that it cannot properly undertake an investigation of the CPS Union's activities. Accordingly, we have not requested our Camp Directors and Unit Assistant Directors to provide us with information concerning the CPS Union." In light of the fact that SSS has recently inquired by letter of NSBRO about the CPS Union and its activities, the AFSC-CPS office "has recommended that the constitution, aims and purposes of the CPS Union, which have been mimeographed and distributed, be sent to SSS for its information. We have also suggested that arrangements be made for a representative member or members of the Union to confer with SSS to interpret the CPS Union."

### NEW "GUINEA PIG" PROJECT APPROVED

The most recently proposed F-CPS medical research project (see INFO: 11-17) has become a reality. Scheduled to get underway sometime in January, this new 25-man jaundice experiment to be located at the New Haven (Conn.) General Hospital will continue for four months. In addition to serving as "guinea pigs," members of the unit will be assigned to laboratory or menial jobs in and around the medical school of the hospital. It is hoped that this new project will provide an opportunity for some of the men interested in an Education Workshop to work together. Applications for this unit (accompanied with Form FL-34) should be sent at once to the F-CPS Personnel Office.

### BOWIE TO BECOME A BRETHREN CAMP

On Jan. 1, 1945, the Brethren Service Committee will assume full administration of CPS Camp #34 at Bowie, Md. Heretofore this 70-man, Forest Service and Fish & Wildlife camp has been cooperatively administered by the three historic peace churches.

### BARBARA HUMANUM EST

The report entitled "Opposition to Conscription: CPS Men" in last week's INFORMATION was inaccurate in two respects: The handbook on peacetime military conscription is an unofficial publication sponsored by a group of CPS men, independent of AFSC and BSC. Activity which might directly effect legislation is performed officially by the Friends Committee on National Legislation and unofficially by individuals in accord with this concern of the Brethren and Friends.

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### MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM OF CPS GROWS STEADILY

Steady, significant progress during the first seven months of its operation is reported by the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS. Selective Service has now granted official recognition to this heretofore "unofficial" program of service and social action created by CPS men. The four members of the Central Committee of the Program have been given detached service status to carry on their work. The medical director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene is proposing to his organization that the MHP of CPS be officially sponsored by the National Committee. The Advisory Board of the MHP of CPS now includes administrators and directors who provide representation from federal institutions, state mental hospitals, state training institutions, private institutions and universities, and professional and layman organizations. (Continued on page 2.)

### CPS REPRESENTATIVES PREPARE FOR MEETING

Seven assignee-representatives have assembled in Phila. this week for the Dec. 8 meeting of the CPS (Executive) Committee of which they are regular members. Newly elected assignee Committee members include Charles Brown, III of Phila. State Hosp. and Roger Way of Bowie, Md. Camp. Incompleted elections of other new representatives and the decision of some camps not to send representatives to this meeting are responsible for the remaining five assignee-representatives not being present. Prior to the Committee meeting the representatives met to discuss their own functions and organization and to hold informal sessions with AFSC-CPS staff members regarding the Dependency Program, the critical financial situation in F-CPS and its relation to the interpretation of the CPS program. Representatives have also met with a member of the AFSC staff to discuss the foreign service activities of the AFSC and with an official of the CPS Union to hear a report of the CPS-U. In addition to these informal sessions, representatives have attended the meeting of the CPS Finance Committee and a national conference of pacifist leaders to discuss the question of alternative service provisions in peacetime conscription legislation. (A report of the Dec. 8 CPS Committee meeting will appear in the next issue of INFORMATION.)

### CPS UNION OFFICIALS EXPLAIN CPS-U TO SSS

As a result of a meeting last Thursday between Col. Kosch and officials of the CPS Union, SSS now has a clearer understanding of the purposes and operations of the CPS-U and the union officials have a better idea of SSS policy toward the Union and its objectives. The way now seems clear for further discussions, according to Ralph Rudd, chairman of the General Executive Board of the CPS-U. The meeting with SSS was brought about after it was learned that SSS had requested information about the CPS Union and its activities and Ralph Rudd offered to discuss the CPS-U with Col. Kosch if he wished. Although SSS gave no official recognition or approval of the CPS-U, it did not express disapproval.

### APPEAL OF COSHOCTON "WALKOUTS" IS HEARD

On Tuesday of this week the appeal from conviction by the six men who "walked out" of Coshocton CPS Camp in July, 1943 was heard in the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati, Ohio. It is reported that the defense was well presented by Attorney John A. Chamberlain but that the three judges hearing the appeal did not appear to look favorably upon the case. The decision of the Court is expected in about a month. Meanwhile the men have been returned to the Cleveland County Jail where they have been confined for more than a year.

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### A YEAR'S DEVELOPMENTS IN F-CPS WORK PROJECTS

Continued progress of the Friends CPS work program during the past 12 months from the conservation of natural resources in rural areas to human conservation in public institutions is revealed in a report compiled this week by the AFSC-CPS Office. During this period the number of men in F-CPS serving in special projects has increased from 29 to 42.5%; and the largest number of men is now working in hospitals, whereas a year ago forestry engaged the most men. Other major changes include the reduction in Soil Conservation work and the increase in the number of men assisting in training schools. The complete report is as follows:

	Dec. 1944	Dec. 1943	% 1944	% 1943
In Base Camps . . . . .	985	1265	57.5	71.0
In Special Projects . . . . .	727	516	42.5	29.0
Hospitals . . . . .	394	309	23.0	17.4
Forest Service . . . . .	365	423	21.4	23.8
Soil Conservation . . . . .	234	375	13.7	21.0
Farm Security Adm. . . . .	132	144	7.7	8.0
Nat. Park Service . . . . .	131	167	7.6	9.4
Gen. Land Office . . . . .	123	156	7.2	8.8
Training Schools . . . . .	103	16	6.0	.9
Medical Experiments . . . . .	84	37	4.9	2.1
Agriculture & Dairying . . . . .	83	85	4.8	4.8
Public Health Service . . . . .	33	30	1.9	1.7
Adm. Service, etc. . . . .	30	39	1.8	2.1
Total men in F-CPS . . . . .	1712	1781		

### AFSC-CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Encouraged by Committee members from CPS camps and hospitals and Friends Meetings who urged that there are spiritual as well as material resources within CPS, the Society of Friends and other participating groups which could be called upon to meet the increasing needs of the program, the CPS (Executive) Committee meeting in Phila. on Dec. 8, recommended the preparation of a budget for the expanded CPS program of 1945 that will include provision for dependency, demobilization, grants-in-aid, increased ministering service, etc. This action was taken following a report from the CPS Finance Committee that "the financial picture of Friends CPS operations for 1944, and as far as we can see for 1945, is not/satisfactory one, that we may end this year with a deficit of \$55,000 and that the income for 1945 might be some \$47,000 short of estimated costs." Assignee and non-assignee members of the Committee suggested that CPS men, Friends in general and other groups and individuals participating in the CPS program should be urged to make an intelligent and critical appraisal of Friends CPS and to use this as a basis for encouraging financial support of the program. (Continued on page 2.)

### COMPASS IS OUT!

A new, 48-page double issue of THE COMPASS, the magazine published by men in CPS, came off the press last week. Illustrated with more than 40 photographs and drawings and with a front cover in color, the magazine sets forth in a variety of literary and pictorial forms the creative thinking and feeling of "conscientious objectors to war, representing men of many, and some of no denominations in Civilian Public Service, in the Army and in prison." In a score of articles, stories, poems, editorials and illustrations the writers and artists deal with such topics as Community Living, Education, Prisons, Medical Research, Race Relations, Mental Hygiene, Religion, Pacifists' Plans and Programs of Action, and Fine Arts. This issue is now

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**CONSCIENCE BEHIND BARS** "Men in prison for conscience' sake are concerned about the effect on non-C.O. 'inmates of incarceration in such an institution for long periods of time,'" writes James Mullin, secretary of the AFSC Prison Service Committee in his latest report summarizing recent visits to 10 institutions under the Bureau of Prisons. "They are agreed that the effects, far from being wholesome, remedial and rehabilitative, are quite the contrary. It is the profound realization of what is happening to the personalities of other inmates that makes many of the C.O.'s feel so frustrated and ineffective. Only men who are less sensitive to their surroundings, or who have deep springs of spiritual resources, are able to endure such living without signs of bitterness."

### SUB-UNIT APPROVED IN JUVENILE DELINQUENCY

A second opportunity for CPS men to work in the field of juvenile delinquency (Cheltenham has been the only one to date.) has opened up with the approval of a 3-man sub-unit in the New Jersey Home for Boys at Jamesburg, N.J., which is approximately 65 miles from Philadelphia and 35 miles from New York City. The unit will operate as a "side camp" of the New Lisbon (N.J.) CPS Unit. In the school, which appears to be the center of the institution's emphasis, regular subjects are taught as well as such trades as carpentry, printing, tailoring and mechanics. The CPS men will serve as 1) cottage assistant in the "honor" cottage; 2) cottage master for the "isolation" cottage; and 3) supervising gardener and horticulturist.

### WHITNEY TO WORK WITH CPS MEN AND SOCIETY OF FRIENDS

In order to be free for wider travel, Norman Whitney, chairman of the Syracuse Peace Council who is known to many CPS men and Friends personally and to others through his monthly "Spectator Papers," is taking a leave of absence from his teaching at Syracuse University to become a field representative of the AFSC beginning Jan. 1, 1945. For several years he has been devoting his summers to work of the Peace Section and for the past year and a half has been spending part time with CPS, working chiefly with churches in the New York - New England area. Under the new arrangement, he will represent the CPS and Peace Sections jointly, the former in interpreting CPS among Friends, the latter on the Demobilization Committee and with CPS men.

### NON-PACIFISTS AND PACIFISTS UNITE TO OPPOSE PTC

Sixty representatives of leading civic and religious groups in Philadelphia met recently to lay plans for a city-wide committee to encourage discussion on peacetime conscription and action to delay legislative enactment on the issue until after the war. The groups -- many of whom were not pacifists -- adopted for their campaign efforts the proposal that no decision should be made during the war which commits this nation to a post-war policy of peacetime conscription. This city-wide venture was inspired by men of the Philadelphia State Hospital CPS unit who have organized a Speakers' Bureau and who are answering engagements for discussion and argumentation of the issue. The Speakers' Bureau is composed of 30 CPS men and women from the WSMH (Women's Service in Mental Hospitals) unit at the Philadelphia State Hospital. It is the practice to distribute post cards and lists of Congressmen (with addresses) at each session where members of the Bureau speak so that audiences have an immediate opportunity to express directly their desires and opinions to their legislative representatives.

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TO CPS MEN, AND ESPECIALLY TO THOSE IN CAMPS AND UNITS AT CHRISTMAS TIME: -- GREETINGS FROM THE PHILADELPHIA CPS STAFF

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### MHP OF CPS TO ASSIST WITH PROPOSED MENTAL HYGIENE LEGISLATION

A significant development in the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS occurred this week when it was consulted for expert opinion concerning proposed revision of mental hygiene laws in the United States. The American Civil Liberties Union requested the MHP of CPS to prepare a model law, which it might use in its approach to legislatures about the country, and invited representatives of the MHP of CPS to attend a conference in New York City sponsored by the ACLU. Also this week, the chairman of the Washington State Committee on Mental Hygiene requested recommendations from the MHP which he might present to the next session of the Washington State Legislature. These requests, plus the fact that many state legislatures will be meeting in January of 1945—and probably not again until 1947, have prompted the issuance of an emergency call for recommendations of all kinds which the men of CPS would like to include in these presentations. In addition, the regular, routine activities of the legal phase of the MHP are being temporarily delayed in favor of this important emergency action.

This development in the Mental Hygiene Program is regarded by its leaders to be "one of the greatest opportunities that CPS men have had to bring the benefits of their experience to bear upon the state legislative bodies where so many fundamental weaknesses of our institutions can be corrected." CPS men who would like to contribute to the legal phase of the Mental Hygiene Program should get in touch with Willard Hetzel, Box 6000, Torresdale, Philadelphia, Penna.

### AFSC ANNUAL REPORT MEETING

The highlight of the annual report meeting of the American Friends Service Committee, which is to be held in Phila. Jan. 12 and 13, will be a talk by Clarence Pickett (Executive Secretary) on his recent survey visit to England and France. At 10 a.m. Friday, Jan. 12, the CPS (Executive) Committee will lead off a series of AFSCO section meetings — Peace, Social-Industrial, and Foreign Service. (Agenda items for the CPS meeting will probably be announced in Information next week.) CPS men are welcomed at all sessions.

### SUPPLEMENT TO INFILTRATION

Season's greetings to all CPS men accompany this issue of Information in the form of an illustrated Supplement to Infiltration: The whimsical drawings (inadequately described as Thurberesque) for this 4-page saga of C.O. Sam are the work of Peter Lasauskas of Trenton, N.D., CPS Camp. A number of playful twists were given to the tale by Nelson Fuson, assignee-representative from Trenton Camp, and Madge Smith of the CPS Information Office.

### NEW REPRESENTATIVES AND OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENTS

Three new assignee members of the CPS (Executive) Committee, representing broadly Soil Conservation, Farming, and Public Health and Medical Research units, have been elected since the Committee meeting on Dec. 8th. They are: Henry Swain of Big Flats (to succeed Charles Read, now an assistant in the Phila. CPS Education Office); Edward Meace of Coshocton, who represents his camp, Cooperstown, Ames, Wooster, dairy testers, and dairy farmers (he succeeds Roger Way of Bowie whose camp comes under BSC administration Jan. 1); and Timothy Haworth of Orlando, whose representation district includes his own unit, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, Welfare Island, Mass. General Hosp., Harvard Psycho-Acoustical, Rochester (N.Y.), and Presbyterian Hosp. (NYC). These representatives will meet with other members of the CPS (Executive) Committee in Phila. on Jan. 12. An official correspondent in each F-CPS camp and unit, who will serve as a channel

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## PROFESSORS VISIT DALTON

Janet Aikin, former faculty member of the English Department of Columbia University, visited Tanbark and Dalton on December 6. She spoke in the evening on the application of the principles of Henry George to the economic problems of today.

George's ideas about a single tax on land are elaborated in Progress and Poverty, since all wealth ultimately comes from land or other natural resources, all people must have access to them if they are to have economic freedom. This provides an alternative for exploited laborers, and regulates wages on the basis of the best return to be obtained from free land in that community.

There would have to be great simplification of government to live within this single-tax system; many governmental bureaus and services would have to be eliminated; there would not be money available for the preparation for and waging of war.

At present much land is monopolized by those just holding it for a rise in price; these often find it to their advantage to leave and land idle for the sake of low taxes, which is at complete variance with the idea of maximum utilization of resources for the general good. Such land would soon be taken over by the government for taxes, thus making it available for others, or the threat of this serving to stimulate land use.

Lorell Weiss, Dean of LaVerne College, spoke at Dalton January 7 on "The History of Brethren Peace Testimony". The peace idea is only one of several important tenets. They tended to become "legalistic" (emphasizing conformity in externals), since the founding group tried to take Christ's commandments as a literal guide for their organization.

This reliance on regulations is shown in the renunciation of "worldly" dress, willingness to discipline erring members or ministers, strict observance of the special firm of baptism, the washing of feet, and the use of "yea and nay" rather than oaths. This respect for law and government has made it difficult to refuse service under the draft laws.

The founders withdrew from Lutheran and Calvinist groups in 1708. After fleeing to the Upper Rhine, they soon sought refuge in Holland, and by 1719 the migration to Pennsylvania had begun. They had difficulties during the Revolution as they refused oaths of allegiance. As a German-language group, they were suspected; perhaps because the English had Hessian mercenaries.

During the Civil War the draft could be avoided by paying \$300 for a substitute. The morality of this was rejected, most Brethren paying a \$400 fine instead.

In World War I the church officially asked for non-combatant service for its  
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from THE BALLAD OF READING GAOI

I know not whether Laws be right,  
Or whether Laws be wrong;  
All that we know who lie in jail  
Is that the wall is strong;  
And that each day is like a year,  
A year whose days are long.

But this I know, that every Law  
That men have made for Man,  
Since first Man took his brother's life,  
And the sad world began,  
But straws the wheat and saves the chaff  
With a most evil fan.

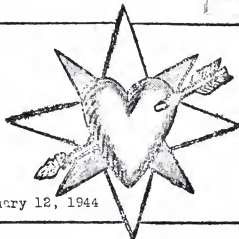
This too I know--and wise it were  
If each could know the same--  
That every prison that man build  
Is built with bricks of shame  
And bound with bars lest Christ should see  
How men their brothers maim.

With bars they blur the gracious moon,  
And blind the goodly sun;  
And they do well to hide their Hall,  
For in it things are done  
That Son of God nor son of Man  
Ever should look upon!

---Oscar Wilde

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# SAN DIMAS RATTLER



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## DUVENECK RESIGNS CPS CONFERENCE

Francis Duveneck, assistant director at Tanbark, has submitted his resignation in a letter to Paul Furnas of the American Friends Service Committee. The resignation is scheduled to take effect April 15, at which time Francis plans to go back on the project. In his letter to Furnas, Francis gave as the main reasons for his decision a growing feeling that he could no longer continue to administer conscription and that he was getting out of touch with the needs of the men. He stated that he regretted having to make the decision for two principal reasons: first, that his resignation would temporarily create additional problems for Oscar; and second, that the move would terminate the relationships of his family with the campers.

Word of Francis' resignation comes as a surprise to most men in camp, as it comes at a time when camp life has been going along rather smoothly, although some new adjustments have been necessitated by the "new Friends policy" put in effect this year. Campers will miss Francis' work as assistant director very much, as he has been without doubt one of the best-liked staff members in the turbulent history of the San Dimas CPS Camp. Likewise they will miss the popular teas and meetings at the cottage, where Betty acts as hostess and, if it is not too late, Erica and Peter help with the entertainment. However, the men in camp respect Francis' decision, and will welcome him back in April as "one of the boys."

Three Glendora representatives--Oscar Marshburn, Henry Rickerman, and Ned Creed were in attendance at the CPS regional conference held in Berkeley February 5th and 6th. Ned chaired the meeting, and Rick was chosen to be secretary. In addition to CPS Camp representatives, several others including Claude Schotts, Harold Rowe, Arthur Swift, and Howard Elkington were present there.

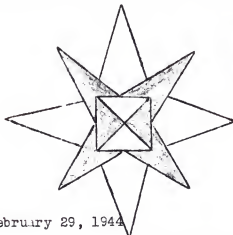
The first discussion of the conference was concerned with an attempt at an evaluation of CPS; the goals of the program were considered, and concern was shown for sources of the pacifist movement in the future. Next, the present problems of CPS were discussed, including the educational and religious programs, dependency problems -- reference being made to the Cole bill now before Congress, and publicity to create a better understanding of CO problems.

Principal attention was paid to the problems facing the CO with the coming of the post-war period. A long discussion led by Arthur Swift dealt with post-war opportunities that will exist for CPS men. Special attention was paid to the needs of men for additional training, and to the post-war employment needs. As to possibilities of foreign service following the war, it was emphasized that only those would be chosen for this work who had consistently done a good job, regardless of circumstances.

Mimeographed copies of the minutes of the meeting can be secured by anyone desiring them from H. L. Rickerman, Dalton.

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# SAN DIMAS BATTLER



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## "AND THE RAIN DESCENDED"

The heaviest rain and snow of the season descended on the San Gabriel Mountains last week, cutting Chilac off from the outside world and bringing storm duty in rain and snow to men from Tanbark and Dalton. The snowfall at Chilac reached a depth between five and six feet on the level, and drifts were piled as high as the eaves of the buildings. The storm Sunday night caught a number of skiers, week-enders, and others, in the vicinity of Chilac, and altogether about sixty-eight people were marooned there. As we go to press the road has just been opened one-way. Fortunately the food supply has been adequate in the emergency. The first news of how the camp was faring was brought out by the intrepid vegetarian Joe Moglain, who hiked out as far as Red Box on Wednesday. Fourteen Chilacans, including assistant director Chat Keeney, had the "unhappy" experience of being cut off from camp while out for the week-end. They stayed until Thursday at the Bunkhouse in Pasadena, but went back on project at Dalton the next day.

Rain began at Tanbark and Dalton Saturday afternoon, and that night men were sent out to the stream gaging stations, some being called back from week-end activities as far away as Whittier for the purpose. Sunday night Tanbark was covered by about two inches of snow, and the higher country in the Experimental Forest received a blanket approaching that at Chilac. The next morning the phone line to Fern Canyon was dead, and Hank

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### BRETHREN LEADER VISITS DALTON

Dan West, organizer of the School of Pacifist Living at Cascade Locks Camp, visited Dalton Saturday night. The S.P.C. is studying the following 12 realms for applying pacifism:

1. Home relations
2. Personal problems outside the home
3. Group problems in the community
4. Economic implications
5. Education
6. Pacifist lessons from history
7. Philosophical basis of pacifism: non-resistance, non-violence and the second mile.
8. Disciplines necessary
9. Class struggle and pacifist living
10. Organized religion
11. World problems; race and nationalism
12. Functional democracy; government and anarchy.

### PRIMARY AIMS OF THE SCHOOL

1. Training to live the pacifist life
2. Formulating plans of action
3. Preparing articles for publication
4. Writing a book on pacifist living

Dan West emphasized the importance of a positive affirmative pacifist program as an answer to the charge that pacifism is only negative and non-cooperative.

He left a paper with Elmo Vickers on "Economic Disciplines Necessary for Pacifist Living" which discusses the general importance of a self-imposed individual and group discipline in this field. This paper is well worth studying and considering in group discussion.

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## COVINGTON SPEAKS PHILADELPHIA REPRESENTATION

California is experiencing a "foreign in-migration" of considerable proportions and may be facing an even greater influx of people following the war. Such was the keynote of the Tanbark and Dalton bull sessions led by Floyd Covington, executive secretary of the Urban League in Los Angeles on March 3.

Covington reported that the bulk of the in-migrants, both Negro and White, have been brought in by the railroads to fill their manpower shortages caused by employees leaving for better paid jobs in the war industries. In many cases men have literally been "shanghaied" into coming to California. Most of the in-migrants have come from the "poor" South and have had little education. For this reason these newcomers are called "foreign", for they are like foreigners coming into a type of society the customs of which they do not understand. In a way the pullman car porters, dining car waiters, and redcaps are doing a great job of education in orienting these people to the strange new world in which they find themselves.

Many problems usual and unusual, have arisen in the overcrowded boom areas. In many places the high standards of California's schools have been relaxed in order to accommodate the low educational level of the in-migrants. Police authorities have had difficulties in keeping children off the streets after curfew, because of the attraction of the bright

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Long agitation by interested CPBers across the nation has culminated in the approval by the AFS of a plan for assignee representation on the CPB Executive Committee in Philadelphia. Twelve camper-delegates are to be elected, camps of 150 men or more selecting one man, and smaller units being grouped to choose their delegates. CPB 76 is authorized to elect one delegate, and plans are now under way to organize the camp-wide election. The first meeting of assignee representatives with the Executive Committee in Philadelphia is planned for some time in April.

Plans call for the CPB representatives to take part in the monthly or bi-monthly meetings of the Executive Committee, although a limit of \$420 is placed on each individual's travel expenses. Delegates whose camp is too far away to permit them to make the trip for every meeting, will remain in Philadelphia whenever necessary. Decisions of the Committee are determined by the cause of the meeting; so the CPB men will exert sufficient influence on the proceedings.

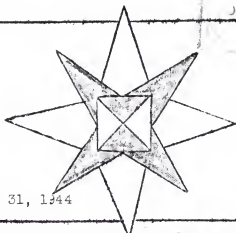
Considerable concern has been expressed by the campers who drew up plans for assignee representation that sufficient interest be shown to justify the program. Glendora CPB'ers will be interested to know that alumni George Hogle and Roy Kepler have been active in drawing up and promoting the plans.

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## MARSHBURN MAKES MOMENTOUS MOVE STOCKTON UNIT

Glendora men held their breath and tip-toed about lightly last week as certain indications began to point quite favorably toward the opening up of detached service possibilities in California. Dr. Margaret H. Smyth, superintendent of Stockton State Hospital, who was down in Los Angeles for a meeting of the superintendents of all state hospitals, came out to Dalton Thursday afternoon and evening, and interviewed men who were interested in transferring to a mental hospital unit proposed for Stockton. The suggested initial strength of the unit would be ten men. Positions available call for an X-ray technician, attendants, occupational therapists, and farmers. Enough interested men were interviewed and personally approved by Dr. Smyth to fill the quota.

The State civil service law which held up approval of a hospital unit for quite some time has been amended and the public relations problem has been investigated and found satisfactory. The unit will be up for approval before it is seen, and an answer is expected by fire season.

At supper last night Oscar Marshburn, for two and a quarter years director of CPS 76, announced to the men of camp his intention of leaving. Two and a half months ago the AFSC asked Oscar if he would be interested in foreign service, and after deliberation, considering his family and the camp, he answered in the affirmative. Recently he has received word that he should be ready for duty in the near future. In order to have some time at home with his family and to wind up his business affairs, he is leaving within the month, but will probably stay in Southern California a month longer.

As was pointed out in his biography in the last issue of the Rattler, foreign service is not new to Oscar. He worked in France under the AFSC in 1918 erecting demountable houses and in a feeding line. This experience will probably stand him in good stead in his new work.

## AFSC MEETING

At the last meeting of the CPS section or the Southern California branch of the AFSC, the principal discussion centered around ways and means of achieving a better understanding between the AFSC and CPs men. A committee representing both groups is planning to meet April 1 to discuss a possible reorganization of the CPS section and to make suggestions to the nominating committee of the AFSC. The CPS section appreciated the presence and active participation of more CPs men than usual.

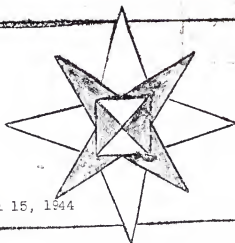
All the details of the job are not now known, but Oscar has been told that the AFSC has been asked by UNRRA to send a unit of 10 men to the near east to help in feeding and administering there.

The camp, too, regretting our loss, rejoices with Oscar his greater opportunity.

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## 5¢5¢5¢ TALKS FIN DE CHILAO

Engaging discussions claimed the lively interest of Tanbark and Dalton men the evenings of April 5 and 6 with Ruth Nichols, the famous quaker aviatrix, presenting a number of her experiences, thoughts, and plans. Miss Nichols began the discussions with a short resume of the history of aviation and of her own experiences while flying.

Continuing, she elaborated on the organization of Relief Wings, the need for which she saw while calming a flight-panicky nurse, who was supposedly caring for her on a flight back from a crack-up in Nova Scotia. Relief wings was first set up (as a non-profit group) to train flight nurses and doctors and to provide a registry of private pilots for help in emergencies, but now has shifted in interest to a war time program of crop dusting and malaria control. It is hoped that in the post-war period Relief Wings will be able to supply pilots to private agencies engaged in foreign relief and rehabilitation. In this connection Miss Nichols has hopes of giving CPs men flight training. In a preliminary survey through NSBRC recently she found at least 50 men interested in such training, 30 of whom would be able to finance their training and also that of the other 20. Much ground work for setting up a flight training unit for CPs men now has been accomplished. A field for the training has been located, planes are available, and instructors can be secured. The major obstacle to opening the unit is to be met in obtaining the approval. (Continued on Page 8)

It was just a little short of two years ago (May 8, 1942) that the original group of men left Tanbark to set up the Chilao spike in the recreational area beyond Mt Wilson and off the Angeles Crest Highway. During these two years the Chilaoans performed many tasks. They claimed recreational areas, manned tank stations, burned brush from a railroad track near Newhall, fought fires, built trails, cared for a nursery, maintained roads, and repaired storm damage. In that period of time almost 100 men had been members of the camp and then moved on elsewhere.

Outside project they were busy also. It was a group at Chilao that conceived the idea of a study unit centered about Latin American problems. This group took more definite form under the guidance of Bill Hare, completed one six months' session, and recently started the second, numbers augmented by numerous transferees from other camps.

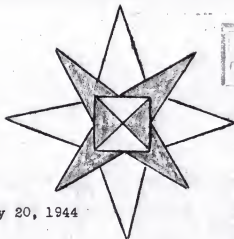
Recently the Forest Service told CFS that they could not continue to maintain the camp without a minimum strength of 30. Since it was impossible to furnish the number, the administration arranged to bring the group back to Dalton and Tanbark, making the move April 7th and 8th. In their place the Forest Service is now using a group of trustees from the Bouquet Canyon prison camp.

The L.A. Study group--some 20 strong--moved into Tanbark, took over at the library for their class sessions, and continued with their program with the first (Continued on Page 8)

FLASH! Rodney Owen is leaving camp for Minors May 15 under first forced transfer.

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## new directors

As the time drew nearer for Francis Duveneck to vacate his post as assistant director, interested Tanbark men gathered in camp meeting Thursday, April 13, to present nominations for the position and again on the following Tuesday to discuss the men nominated. Nominations included Dalton McBee, Lowell McCann, Sam Tyson, Wesley Huss, and Joe Goodman (who withdrew).

Voting at mealtime Wednesday narrowed the list to three nominees: McBee, Huss, and McCann. In two subsequent runoff votes McCann finally received a two-thirds majority of the ballot and his name was submitted by wire to Philadelphia as Tanbark's choice for their new assistant director.

At the present time no definite word has been received from Philadelphia regarding the approval or disapproval of McCann.

## Morgan speaks

Ken Morgan, educational director for Friends CPS, spent the week of April 27 to May 4 in Glendora camp as a part of his tour of all camps. He was chiefly concerned in promoting all types of educational activities and in discussing and elaborating the '44 AFSC policy. Morgan spent the week between Dalton and Tanbark, in meetings with various staff members, group discussions, and visits to the project. New to the educational program, he said, are two new AFSC correspondence courses on Industrial Relations and on Relief and Rehabilitation.

Camp 76 met its new director last week when Bernard Waring and his wife, Grace, arrived from the East to replace Oscar Marshburn, who resigned recently to join a new Friends administrative unit to be sent to the Near East under the UNRRA. Bernard, who is accepting the directorship only temporarily because of business matters, has a background of many years' work with the social-industrial section of the AFSC and as partner in the Yarnal Waring Manufacturing Co. Several of the campers had an opportunity to meet the Waringes when they made a recent trip through Pasadena coordinating the branch offices of the AFSC. In a short after dinner talk at Tanbark Tuesday evening Bernard said he hoped all could work together toward the goals of the CPS program.

The first week in May Oscar and Olive Marshburn spent with the fellows in Dalton and Tanbark getting camp business in order for the Waringes. A special dinner in honor of Oscar was given at Dalton Monday evening and he was presented with a light traveling bag, and Olive with a pair of vases by the men there. Tanbark also held a supper festivity Thursday evening with singing and piano music and a gift of a toilet kit for Oscar and a covered crystal bowl for his wife.

After about a month at his home in Whittier while he straightens his personal affairs, Oscar will leave for Washington, D.C., where he will enter the two or three weeks' training school for the UNRRA unit. The unit is expected to leave shortly after that for the Near East.

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## OH NO, MR. CHURCHILL, NOT REALLY !

A peculiar twist in the politics and diplomacy of the war is now approaching a climax. Churchill in his utterances on May 24th in Parliament was so frank about what he thought the United Nations were fighting for that even the New Republic recoiled and questioned, "... to put it bluntly, are you fighting to preserve the British Empire, and are we fighting to preserve capitalism, or are we really sincere about the noble abstractions which we have together espoused?"

Even Life asserted in an editorial that it was 'one of Churchill's best speeches, full of candor... [but] the candor seemed deliberately chosen to blast away any wis's of idealism that may still cling around allied war aims.' (Our underscoring)

Churchill, not inadvertently, had stated that "as this war has progressed, it has become less ideological in my opinion... Our objective is the same--namely, to beat the enemy as soon as possible... In one place we support a king, in another, a communist. There is no attempt by us to enforce particular ideologies, we only want to beat the enemy, and then in happy and serene peace, let the best expression be given by the will of the people... If mistakes have been made in Italy, they were military, not political... I am here to speak kindly words about Spain..."

The most recent speech along these lines was made by British Production Minister Oliver Lyttleton, a member of the Inner War Cabinet, who said, "Japan was provoked into attacking the Americans at Pearl Harbor. It is a travesty on history to say that America was forced into the war..."

Why this blunt statement of British war aims? Is it that Churchill has suddenly become conscience-stricken over duping American liberals and now desires to be truthful? No! The British Empire is in very serious trouble. The bluntness is part of the salvage job.

As Common Sense pointed out, the British Empire, like all empires, has always been rotten at the core. Now, the sides are cracking. The mother country's hold on her self-governing dominions has suffered disastrously from the war. Before 1939, the Dominions were debtors, and London held the bulk of their debts. England also served as their principal source of manufactured goods. This has changed; sending far more to England than they had received, the Dominions have been able to pay off the London debts. Lack of exports from England has also led the Dominions to intensify their own industrial production.

Dominion leaders still express their love and devotion to the mother country, but when economic ties are gone, political ties will not endure.

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# RATTLER

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## • THE PEOPLE'S MANDATE

Twelve southern anti-Roosevelt states which have 12% of the nation's popular vote but control 25% of the electoral vote are threatening to revolt against the quadrennial 'people's mandate'. This revolt, if consummated, will be far more effective than the countless campaigns of the electoral reform organizations in influencing the election system in the country. Any revolt against the popular vote will sweep away the archaic electoral college and may result in manifold improvements in the American election system.

Popular expression of the people's will, beset as it is by 'greater goods', 'less-er evils', multirarious hopes and interests, is difficult to record under the best circumstances. In American elections, with the limitation of suffrage and the stringent election laws governing minority parties, the popular will is deliberately suppressed or channelized into areas of wide general agreement.

The precedent for limitation of suffrage and repression of the people's will was handed down from the Founding Fathers. They were dubious of universal suffrage. As Madison wrote, they foresaw that 'In future times a great majority of the people will not only be without landed, but, any other sort of property in which case, the rights of property and public liberty will not be secure in their hands'.

Charles A. Beard in his 'America in Mid-Passage' declared, 'Given this realistic combination of politics and economics,

what upshot may be expected in case there is a serious maldistribution of property, . . . namely, prevent the majority from attaining actual power by establishing an independent executive, Senate and Judiciary--agencies that do not bond to election returns' but firmly defend the rights of property against democratic or leveling tendencies. This was, indeed, the kind of government which the majority of the men in the Constitutional Convention of 1787 intended to establish, although none was exactly satisfied with the Constitution as finally drafted.' (Our underscoring)

Was the Convention successful in creating a government which would not 'bond to the election returns'? Although the delegates did not limit suffrage, three-fourths of the voters were disenfranchised under the property qualifications imposed by the individual states. While the Constitution allowed a direct election of representatives; senators and electors of the president were chosen by state legislatures. The Judiciary, which soon grabbed the power of checking the legislative bodies, was far removed from control of the people. All members of the national Judiciary were appointed by the president. The Constitution as drafted failed to mention initiative, referendum, or recall.

It is not surprising that with such philosophical backgrounds Woodrow Wilson before attaining political ambitions was opposed to direct election of senators. Nicholas Murray Butler in the heyday of the Progressive movement spoke of the

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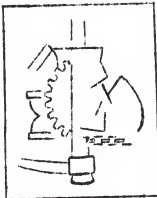
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# RATTLER

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## AMERICA HAS NO LIMIT

The tremendous productive capacity of the United States' war effort has brought visions of a limitless America to those who pursue high offices and nightmares of bowldorment to the men who must solve the economic problems presented by this increased technological efficiency. The Democratic and Republican conventions have extolled the increased national income, but neither convention dared to enumerate the problems faced by the country in reconversion to peacetime production nor the problems of maintaining 'full employment' and liberty in the post-war economy.



Stuart Chase in July COMMON SENSE has listed a few of the reconversion problems: "1. What is a fair and orderly procedure for the cancelling of war contracts?; 2. Who gets the first crack at making civilian goods? Can Plymouth begin making cars while Chevrolet has to continue war work?...; 3. When does the stampede from the war plants begin, as workers come to realize that what happened at Brewster is going to happen to them?; 4. What happens to the 'industrial revolution' on the West Coast when Pittsburgh interests move into close their new steel plants, aluminum plants, magnesium plants?; 5. We have at least one hundred boom towns. What happens when they begin to explode?"

It is certain that no matter what plans are made or who plans the reconversion, some unemployment will result. A bungling reconversion, however, may result in such widespread unemployment and dislocation that the economic pattern will be disturbed for decades.

Difficult as the problem of reconversion is, the problem of maintaining 'full employment' in a free society after the war will be the real nightmare of the planners. During the war period, the national income has doubled over that of the highest previous peacetime year. Private enterprise was able to reach the \$83 billion national income mark in 1929 with the employment of 46 million workers. At this level private enterprise failed to function. It was not until 1937 after years of government pump--priming, that the national income and employment approached the 1929 level. Private enterprise could no longer provide 'full employment' without government assistance.

The Senate's Committee on Post-war Economic Policy and Planning estimate that the labor market in the post-war period will be around 55 to 58 million people if at least 5 million retire from the field. Paul G. Hoffman, president of Studebaker and chairman of industry's Committee for Economic Development, has stated, "Industry will have to supply something like 58 million full-time jobs, a jolting 12 million more than in the good year of 1940. That means a U.S. output of goods and services of some \$145 billion." Thomas Amie, former lib-

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## PACIFIC MANIFEST DESTINY

Henry A. Wallace, whose defeat at the Democratic Convention is still bemoaned and lamented by the liberals and laborites, has given the American imperialistic interests their altruistic ideology by which the economic exploitation of China and the Far East may be justified. Speaking at Seattle after a seven weeks tour of the East, Wallace declared, 'I am convinced that the main area of the new development after this war--new enterprise, new investments, new trade, new accomplishments-- will be in the new world of the North Pacific and East Asia ...We are entering upon what might be called "The Era of the Pacific" ....Here are resources of minerals and manpower to be developed by democratic, peaceful means-- the methods not of exploitation, but on the contrary, the more profitable method of creating higher living standards for hundreds of millions of peoples.'

It is perhaps only a coincidence that the justification of American imperialism of the 1890's was given by a senator who was considered one of the foremost 'progressives' of his era. Albert Beveridge, one of the leading spirits of the Insurgency in the 1909 Senate tariff fight, visited the recently acquired Philippines and delivered his report to the nation on the Senate floor. 'Mr. President, the times call for candor. The Philippines are ours forever: "territory belonging to the United States", as the Constitution calls them. And just beyond the Philippines are China's illimitable markets....We will not abandon our opportunity in the Orient. We will not renounce our part in the mission of our race, trustees under God, of the civilization of the world. And we will move forward to our work...with gratitude for a task worthy of our strength and thanks giving to Almighty God that He has marked us as his chosen people, henceforth to lead in the regeneration of the world.'

Today, after the history of the period has been well-documented, these words have a callous sound. They sound callous because the recorded facts and the literal interpretation of the words do not coincide. But-- did these words sound callous to the ears of the liberals and laborites at the turn of the century? It must be borne in mind that they were uttered by a senator whose words on domestic issues sound strikingly similar to Wallace's speeches. Beveridge in his Keynote speech at the Bull Moose convention of 1912 politicalized, 'We stand for a

## SYMPOSIUM--\*\* HOW SHOULD CO's VOTE ?

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SOCIALIST.....FRANCIS HUBBELL  
PROHIBITION.....GEORGE SNYDER

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# RATTLER

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## JAPANESE-AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION

Not much is written in our papers about the work carried on by the Americans of Japanese descent who are now detained in relocation centers. Very little indeed is said in praise of whatever accomplishments they may achieve in spite of the handicaps and discouragements of their present situation. There have come to our attention reports of extremely significant work of real genius in the field of guayule rubber being carried on by a group of agricultural experts interned at Manzanar, California.

For the following information we are indebted to Hugh Anderson who is working, as treasurer of the 'Agricultural Communities Foundation', to help out in the re-assimilation of the internees into civilian life when they are released from the centers. The background and development of the guayule project at Manzanar, as described by Mr. Anderson, is as follows.

The term 'guayule' already has had connotations from press reports for lack of favorable results after the expenditure of some 33 million dollars on the govern-

ment's so-called emergency rubber project. Most outstanding among the investigators is Dr. Robert Emerson of the California Institute of Technology who has had the good sense to work with some of the best agriculturalists in the country-- the evacuees at Manzanar.

Dr. Shimpe Nishimura, the leader of the Manzanar group is a specialist in the chemistry of plants and has a unique ability to handle field planting and nursery work. The achievements of his group to date are most significant. Some of their best results have been in propagation from cuttings. All the literature on the subject has clearly stated that the cuttings of guayule are not subject to being handled as ordinary cuttings and was accepted as factual. The 'experts' in the field had been able to get only about 8% of the cuttings to take hold and that usually with the aid of chemicals, vitamins and hormones. Mr. Hata, chief propagator of the Manzanar group, gets about 98% of his cuttings to take, and this without the use of chemicals. The importance of his new technique is that it allows the planting of a high rubber-yielding strain, instead of broadcasting seed -- in which about 20% of the crop fails to yield.

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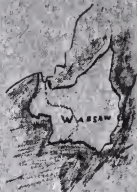
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## THE TRAGEDY OF POLAND

The final chapter of the tragedy of Poland at war reached its climax during the month of August. Warsaw, which has suffered from the war far more than any other large city, received its most crushing blow, a blow that ends any hope that Poland will emerge from the war as a strong, independent state. The political and diplomatic finessing culminating in-



to this debacle may not be known until the archives of the Soviet Government are opened. Then, perhaps, it will be too distant for the future generations to learn what the 'art of political science' means to the common man. However, the events of the Polish debacle clearly show that while the men who fight may do so for ideological reasons, the men who determine policy are intriguing for the rankiest imperialistic reasons—usually without regard for their own allies.

On August 1, General Bor, head of the underground resistance movement in Warsaw and who holds allegiance to the Polish government-in-exile (London), announced a state of armed resistance against the Nazi military machine. According to the London Polish government the armed resistance was timed to aid the Red Army's approach to Warsaw. Its pattern was based on the same procedure regarding cooperation between the Polish underground and the Red Army which had been successful militarily in driving the

Nazi army from other large Polish cities.

According to the Polish government, the resistance was specifically timed to sabotage the counterattacks of four German armored divisions about to engage the Red Army. The underground Poles proved strong enough to capture the bridge over the Vistula River—the gateway to Warsaw. The success of the underground depended on, as in the case of the other Polish cities, the continued drive of the Red Army into the city.

Then occurred one of the strangest episodes of the war. On August 3, the Red Army shifted its drive to another sector of the Polish front. On the same day the Red Army ceased its bombardment of the Warsaw suburbs. Tomasz Arciszewski, successor-designate to the presidency of Poland, declared on August 15 that not one Red Army plane had flown over the city since August 3. The only aid to reach the beleaguered Poles was received from the British and American governments who flew supplies from Rome, a round trip requiring 1750 miles of air travel. The Soviet armies, only 10 miles away, did not fly any aid to the Poles, who, ostensibly, were also their allies.

The Soviet government did not only not supply aid to the Polish underground but actually 'sabotaged' the aid which the English and American armies were willing to provide. Vernon Bartlett, liberal member of the British Parliament, wrote in the LONDON CHRONICLE, 'The British and Americans have recently made urgent requests that the air shuttle service between Italy and Russia which has enabled

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## THERE IS NO PEACE =

From the confusion of all the speculative analyses on the results of the conferences of the Big Three one thing is virtually certain --some type of league, association, or confederation of nations will arise as an aftermath of the war and its peace. As issued from Dumbarton Oaks the stated purpose of the league will be to 'insure the peace and security of the world.' 'Internationalism', the word which was one of the motivating ideals of the Left, will be, according to liberals, laborites, and various American politicians, a reality.

Except for the word, however, there is no connection between the Big Three internationalism and the internationalism of the Left. The Left envisaged an international society of free and independent peoples harboring no privileged classes within their midst. They have always maintained that the seeds of modern war were inherent in an acquisitive society where a small class is allowed to reap the greatest portion of a nation's income. While any one class, they felt, received such a great portion of the nation's income that colonies would be required to keep the wheels of industry running; the competition for those colonies and other types of markets would lead, inevitably, to war. The internationalism that this school of thought saw was based on a classless society at home, disarmament, and a gradual limitation of sovereignty until all countries were united under one government for the common good.

The Big Three internationalism is based not only upon class privilege at home but also on the perpetuation of the rule

of those countries now dominant in world politics. Very little, if anything, is said about freedom for the vast majority of the world's population who now live in totalitarian colonies, mandates or spheres of influence. No long enduring peace will result from such premises. A fact apparently realized by the Big Three who, while insisting on disarmament for the defeated nations and paying lip service to their own disarmament, will undoubtedly institute and maintain universal military conscription in their own countries:

The 'international' liberals who accept this new world organization because at 'at least it is a step in the right direction', are undoubtedly confused by the lofty sentiments and the fine idealistic terminology in which it is couched. For the same reasons they accepted the old League of Nations. That League, while ostensibly organized to 'promote international cooperation and to achieve international peace and security', was nothing more than machinery whereby the victor nations might preserve the territorial gains made by the Versailles Treaty. Its counterpart in the nineteenth century was the Holy Alliance created at the Congress of Vienna at the close of the Napoleonic Wars.

Both, the Holy Alliance and the League of Nations failed in their stated purpose because the interests of the victor nations did not at all times coincide. The leaders of the present United Nations may be able to enforce peace for a longer period of time than did either of these older bodies. However, even though they possess this far more dominant role

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## RUSSIA DRIVES FOR SECURITY

Stalin's postwar plans, that is to say, Russia's postwar plans, are based on a formula for security. Security has become the goal for a Communism which has formerly signified political and economic unrest. Communism from its inception under Trotsky and Lenin through the New Economic Policy, Lenin's death and Stalin's ascendancy has been characterized by interparty strife, conspiracy, counter-revolution, terrorism and near economic catastrophe. The political explanation of this drive for postwar security, which foreshadows Russian hegemony over Eastern and Central Europe, lies in history.

Machiavellian interpretation points out that in the struggle for power --and for life --which is the revolution, the practical and opportunistic men win out. When Lenin died and Trotsky was ousted from power, Communism in Russia began a metamorphosis which seems to show the truth of Machiavelli's theory. Now Communism under Stalin bears little resemblance, except in words and slogans, to the Marxian ideal. Stalin's interest in security is commonly confused with some

effort to achieve greater economic and political security for the masses and and greater freedom for the individual; while experience would show his interest is mainly directed toward maintaining absolute control over party and State. To better understand the significance of Stalin's desire for security it is necessary to examine his role in the early stages of Communism.

What is known of Stalin in and before the 1905 Revolution would lead to the conclusion that he didn't possess the understanding of Marxian theory that Lenin and Trotsky did, but that with a shrewd political sense he was content with being faithful to the victorious groups. Soon after the Revolution started he became the right hand man of Lenin showing particular talent in matters of organization and the use of the police.

Stalin followed Lenin in advocating one of the first contradictions of socialist theory by practice when, with perhaps less of the disinterestedness of Lenin, he voted for signing a separate peace with Germany. This move, although expedient in the face of attack by 'German Imperialism', was counter to the theory of international revolution, as Trotsky pointed out. Lenin's view was that peace was necessary to gain time, and he feared that the Revolution would fail in Russia if

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## OPPOSITION MOUNTS

A mountain of opposition has piled up against the proposal for peacetime military conscription. The loudest voices of protest have been those of religious, educational, and labor leaders and organizations. On the other hand, most polls of public opinion indicate that the rank and file of American citizenry favor somekind of compulsory training program for the youth of the nation after the war.

Of encouragement to the opponents of PT-MC was the announcement on January 10 that hearings of this war-breeding legislation would be postponed "indefinitely". This, of course, could mean months or it could mean weeks. However, it is increasingly clear that the proponents of peacetime conscription are determined to press for adoption of their proposals before the war ends because according to their own admission, "it may be impossible to pass such legislation after the

war because there may be a reaction against anything military". A number of congressmen, including Joseph W. Martin, Minority Leader of the House, are on record as favoring delayed consideration of this measure at least until after Germany collapses.

Defeat of peacetime military conscription is not beyond the realm of possibility. In fact, if we who oppose perpetuation of conscription will redouble our efforts during the next few weeks our chances of winning this non-violent battle for democracy are more than good. One of our major weapons is to flood Congressmen, newspapers, personal friends, and labor, religious and civic leaders with letters expressing our feeling on this vital matter. Letters to Congressmen or publications should be short, forceful and reasonable. Quotations, such as those presented elsewhere in these pages, should be used freely. It

## Follow Conscrippts:

THIS ISSUE of the RATTLER is a call to action against permanent conscription. We have stated often and with much rhetoric that we were willing to fight for democracy with our methods. This is our opportunity to do so.

We trust that the material offered herein can effectively be used by you in this vital non-violent battle.

DALTON ANTI-CONSCRIPTION COMM.

is suggested that after writing the Senators and Congressmen from your own state or district the following be written, too:

Rep. Dowey Short, Mo.  
Rep. Andrew J. May, Ky.  
Rep. Carl Vinson, Ga.  
Rep. Overton Brooks, La.  
Rep. Patrick Drowry, Va.  
Rep. Nod Healey, Calif.  
Sen. Lister Hill, Ala.  
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## NEWS

### F-CPS BUDGET IS APPROVED

On January 3 the Board of Directors of the AFSC approved the 1945 budget of Friends CPS as recommended by the CPS (Executive) Committee. The budget figure of \$509,000, which is a slight increase over last year's amount, is the anticipated cost of an expanded program that includes provision for dependency, an initial amount for beginning the education and rehabilitation of demobilized CPS men, and an increase in educational and religious services, in addition to maintenance in F-CPS camps. The budgeted income falls short of budgeted expense by nearly \$40,000. The problem raised by this situation has not yet been solved.

### CPS MEN IN STATE TRAINING SCHOOLS PLAN CONFERENCE

The first step was taken this past week which it is hoped will lead to an organized effort on the part of CPS men in the 14 state training schools across the country to evaluate their work and develop a program to make their services more effective and their contributions in this field of social service more enduring. Meeting last Saturday at Vineland, N.J., site of historical and traditional developments in the training of the mentally deficient, a committee of six CPS men from Eastern state training school units, drew up plans for a two-day conference (February 23 and 24) between CPS men, superintendents of training schools, and representatives of the CPS administrative agencies. One purpose of this conference in discussing the most effective ways in which CPS men can contribute to the training schools in which they work will be to provide a basis for coordinating the efforts of this group with those of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS, which has pioneered in such CPS efforts in relation to mental hospitals. According to present plans, the conference will meet first at the Vineland Training School for a day of clinical study and then move to Philadelphia for a day of discussion and organizational meetings. The committee that met last Saturday was made up of Arnold Krause of Vineland; Ted Neff of Exeter, R.I.; Kenneth Hettrick of Mansfield, Conn.; Courtney Sicheloff of Laurel, Md.; Carleton Mabee of Skillman Village, N.J.; and Ned Linegar of (Pennhurst) Spring City, Penna.

### C.O.'S IN HARPER'S

The January issue of Harper's Magazine carries a 2500 word "Report from a Conscientious Objector" which was written by William Fifield of CPS #46, Big Flats, N.Y. In addition to a general description of the CPS program and of CPS men, the article gives a picture of the situation of C.O.'s in other countries. Before entering CPS, Fifield wrote radio and movie scripts. Last year one of his stories was chosen as one of the best short stories of the year.

### BIG FLATS SELECTS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

In a close run-off election at Big Flats this week, William Huntington was chosen assistant director.

### C.O. TEST CASE LOST

Three days before Christmas, Igal Roodenko, Donald Rockwell, James Hutchinson and Everett White, who walked out of Mancos CPS Camp last year, lost their appeal in a case designed to test the constitutionality of parts of the Selective Service law, and were ordered to serve their sentence of three years.

### CONSCIENCE & CONSCRIPTION

Two publications dealing with problems of concern to conscientious objectors have appeared recently: Conscience and the State by Julien Cornell and The Constitutionality of Peacetime Conscription by Harrop Freeman. The former is a thorough discussion of the legal problems of C.O.'s; the latter, which is a Pacifist Research Bureau booklet, presents a case showing the unconstitutionality of peacetime conscription. The book costs \$1. The booklet will be in F-CPS libraries.

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## NEWS

### CONGRESS PREPARES TO ENACT ADDITIONAL CONSCRIPTION MEASURES

At least seven different conscription bills have been introduced into Congress since the new year. Most of these proposals are for the immediate wartime conscription of either labor, 4F's or nurses, and contain no provisions for conscientious objectors. A bill, however, calling for the peacetime conscription of all males 18 to 23 years old for a year's military training has been introduced into Congress by Chairman May of the House Military Affairs Committee. Hearings on this measure, which contains no conscience clause, are scheduled to begin January 29. In the meantime, pacifist leaders who are conferring on these bills in Washington, report that one Congressman said he was getting only one or two letters a day against peacetime conscription and that if the measure is to be defeated in Congress, he and his colleagues ought to be receiving "40 to 50 letters a day". (A copy of the proposed "National Military Training Act of 1945"--the May Bill--is being sent to each F-CPS camp and special service unit.)

### CPS REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH STAFF AND COMMITTEE

F-CPS assignee-representatives assembled this week in Phila. to prepare for the Jan. 12 meeting of the CPS (Executive) Committee-- of which they are members. The program for the representatives, as arranged by Nelson Fuson of Trenton, interim representative, includes a visit to the Phila. State Hosp. and joining with the PSH unit for their regular Wednesday evening meeting; conferences with F-CPS central administrative staff members; supper meeting at "Spruce Street House" (CPS hostel) for informal discussion with some executive staff members and non-assignee Committee members; and attendance at the annual meeting of the AFSC, which includes sessions with the CPS, Peace, Social-Industrial, and Foreign Service Sections. In addition to matters bearing directly on the function and operation of the Representation Plan, other subjects under discussion by the representatives are: dependency; CPS Union; financial situation of F-CPS; peacetime conscription; the so-called "Dyer Plan"; the public interpretation of CPS; work holiday, allowances and replacements for units working in public institutions; and the effect of the lengthening of the war upon the relationship of Friends to CPS. Representatives attending the meeting include: C.K. Brown of Phila. State Hosp.; Nelson Fuson of Trenton, N.J.; Tim Haworth of Orlando, Fla.; Edward Meese of Coshocton, Ohio; George New of Elktion, Ore.; Fred Reeve of Gatlinburg, Tenn.; Henry Swain of Big Flats, N.Y.; and Stephen Thierman of Warren, Penna. Glendora, Coleville, and Pennhurst have not sent representatives and re-districting will be necessary before the Concord, N.H. unit can select a representative.

A report of the meetings this weekend--in particular, the CPS (Executive) Committee meeting--will be carried in the next issue of Information.

### HUSS CONTINUES AT COLEVILLE

Wes Huss, director of the Coleville CPS Camp, who asked to be relieved of his responsibilities early in December, last week requested to remain as Coleville camp director. The request has the approval of the camp and the F-CPS central executive staff. This decision eliminates a likely candidate for the directorship of Coshocton, since Wes Huss had received the recommendation of both the Coshocton camp and the F-CPS executive staff.

### METHODIST CPS MEN CONFER...

The first conference planned and called by CPS men of one of the largest denominations in CPS--the Methodists--was held in Phila. This past weekend with men from 22 different CPS units in attendance. A number

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## NEWS

### GUINEA PIGS TO WORLD'S MAJOR MEDICAL PROBLEMS

Fuller significance of the medical experiments in which C.O.'s serve as human "guinea pigs" became apparent this week as medical reports from different parts of the world were pieced together. At the same time, announcement was made by the AFSC-CPS office that new and/or enlarged experiments in malaria, jaundice and "lifeboat ration" were to be undertaken shortly.

Under an Italian dateline, the New York Times (Jan. 15) reported that "one of the great medical advances of the war...has been (the discovery of) what gives soldiers—and civilians, for that matter—jaundice, which is in point of numbers the most important medical disease of the (European) war". According to the head of the Jaundice Commission, the contribution of C.O.'s "proved most valuable to the study". A medical official just returned from the European war theatre reports that thanks to DDT, the mirable powder, typhus is no longer considered the dread disease which follows in the wake of disasters. "We like to think that the first important tests leading to the development of DDT in this country were made on C.O.'s from a CPS camp who voluntarily carried lice on their bodies for several weeks. Because of this powder, epidemics are being controlled or prevented and thousands of lives saved." A relief worker just back from the Pacific war theatre reports that "malaria is not only the most serious problem in India, but is considered the outstanding medical problem of the world today". (Continued page 2)

### MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM NOW HAS LEGAL ADVISOR

The director of the American Law Institute and former dean of the U. of Penna. Law School — William Draper Lewis — has consented to be an official legal advisor of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS, it was announced this week. The new advisor is especially interested in the work of the MHP in developing a model mental hygiene law, since the Am. Law Institute is engaged in preparing clarified and simplified restatements of American laws.

### SUMNER MILLS AGAIN COSHOCKTON DIRECTOR

In response to nominations from Coshocton and the F-CPS Executive Office, Sumner Mills, chairman of the CPS (Executive) Committee and director of Coshocton in 1942, has accepted an appointment as part-time director of the Ohio camp. Brooke Morgan, who has been acting director for the past 10 months is now able to transfer to Orlando. Maurice Webster, who succeeds Warren Allinger as assistant director, is from Big Flats and Beltsville. Both new appointments, which are effective Feb. 1, are for an interim period (probably 2 or 3 months) while a permanent staff is being selected.

### CPS MEN REPORT AT COMMITTEE MEETING

Reports by CPS men on the various aspects of the F-CPS program made up the major part of the Jan. 12 meeting of the CPS (Executive) Committee, which was held in Phila. in conjunction with the annual AFSC meetings. Five of the eight CPS Representatives attending, reported to the large, open Committee meeting: Stephen Thiermann of Warren (Penna.) State Hosp. gave an "Evaluation of Assignee-Representation"; C.K. Brown of Phila. State Hosp. reported on "Mental Hospital Work in 1944"; Timothy Haworth of Orlando, Fla. described "Public Health and Medical Research Projects"; George New from Elktion, Ore. and Nelson Fuson from Trenton, N.D. discussed the "Problems and Opportunities of a Base Camp". Three CPS men on administrative detached service also reported: Charles Read of the F-CPS Education Office described the operation of the "F-CPS Orientation Program"; Grover Hartman, who works with the Federal Council of Churches, interpreted "Religious Trends in CPS"; and Lou Schneider, assistant executive director of F-CPS, presented the reports of the subcommittee on Race Relations and the special committee on the Selection of Adm. Personnel.

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## NEWS

### BRITISH C.O.'S SEND US MESSAGE ON CONSCRIPTION

The conscientious objectors of Great Britain have sent a message encouraging American C.O.'s and their supporters in the struggle against peacetime conscription and assuring vigorous opposition by British C.O.'s to conscription in Great Britain. The message which was brought by Clarence Pickett, Ex-Sec. of the AFSC, on his return recently from abroad, was given to him at a meeting of the Central Board of Conscientious Objectors. (The CBCO, which in some ways corresponds to the NSBRO in this country, has a member of Parliament — Fenner Brockway — as its chairman.) The message reads: "The CBCO has noted the declaration of President Roosevelt to introduce peacetime military conscription in the USA. C.O.'s in Great Britain send their greetings to C.O.'s and their supporters in America and promise their fullest sympathy and support in the struggle against military conscription. We send our assurances that, for our part, our own opposition in this country shall be as vigorous as possible."

### CONFER ON SSS REQUEST THAT CPS MEN LIVE ON INSTITUTION GROUNDS

Last week Selective Service requested superintendents of public institutions with CPS Units to comply with SSS Adm. Instructions and "discontinue the practice of allowing CPS men to live away from the institution, except on their day off when it is expected that a man will be allowed 24 hours off duty. This will include a day and a night away from the institution." According to Col. Kosch of SSS, this action is being taken because "considerable criticism has been directed at our program...based on the fact that no control is exercised over the men and they are allowed to go and come at will, and they are further permitted to live off the grounds."

At the time of publication (Friday), representatives of the religious administrative bodies, Selective Service, and officials of public welfare institutions are still conferring individually and collectively in an effort to clear up the confusion and difficulties attendant upon this request of SSS. It is hoped that out of the current discussions will come an understanding of the operation of the CPS program in public institutions which will encourage the greatest release of the creative energies of CPS men working in these institutions.

CPS executive officers of AFSC, MCC, BSC, and NSBRO conferred on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday of this week. On Wednesday, this group met with Col. Kosch. Officials of public welfare institutions—several of whom have expressed considerable concern over SSS interpretation of Adm. Instructions—are meeting with the religious administrative officers and Selective Service in Washington on Friday. As soon as additional information is available, it will be released to camps and special service units.

### FOLLOW-UP SERVICES AVAILABLE TO CPS MEN DISCHARGED FROM F-CPS

The development of a definite program of follow-up service available to discharged F-CPS men was announced this week by the F-CPS Medical Office. "A limited fund is now available from which assistance grants can be made to men leaving F-CPS and "funds for a few educational scholarship grants also are available." An opportunity is also provided for discharged men to consult with a personnel worker regarding his future plans and his needs for employment, community contacts, medical care, etc. In all cases, financial assistance is to be based on need, as is the policy under the F-CPS Dependency Program...This program has been set up to meet a need which has been found to exist and to provide experience in making plans for whatever program may be set up when general demobilization begins."

Thought for the Day: HAS YOUR UNIT SELECTED AN OFFICIAL "INFO" CORRESPONDENT?

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### SSS PREPARES NEW ADM. INSTRUCTION

Following a meeting in Washington last Friday of representatives from Selective Service, the religious adm. bodies of CPS, and public welfare institutions in five Eastern states, SSS prepared to issue Adm. Instruction #4 in reference to CPS men serving in public institutions. The new instructions, which will supersede Adm. Instructions #1 and #3 and "various letters," will probably contain four basic points of clarification and change: 1) The letter stating that men are allowed a night and a day (24 hours) away from the institution on their day off is superseded, and a man may leave the institution when he goes off duty previous to his day off and return in time to go on duty at the appointed hour. 2) Medical and dental attention necessary to "maintain health and working capacity" is now the obligation of the institution. 3) Previous Instructions, stating that "all assigned men must live within the confines of the hospital..." are revised and exceptions to this regulation are recognized. The exceptions, however, must be the result of a definite plan which has been approved by SSS headquarters. 4) Working outside the hospital off-hours is now specifically referred to, and can be done only where the employment program has been approved by SSS headquarters.

As of the date of publication (Friday), the above proposed Adm. Instructions have not been received by the institutions and CPS units involved, and efforts to secure modifications have continued. In the meantime the F-CPS executive staff is completing a statement to be sent to camps and units and to SSS, upon the issuance of Adm. Instruction #4. The statement will set forth the policy of the AFSC in relation to SSS regulations and particularly to Adm. Instruction #4.

### ASSEMBLING PICTURES

An exhibition of pictures painted by CPS men, which has toured the country during the past two years under the auspices of the New York Friends Center, is nearly sold out—at prices ranging from \$30 to \$400 per picture. CPS artists who have paintings which they would like to enter in a renewed exhibition being assembled should send their works, properly packed and insured, to the Exhibit, Friends Center, 144 East 20th St., New York 3, N.Y. An accompanying letter should be sent, placing a price on the paintings and giving any other necessary information about the pictures.

### EDUCATION

Under the title "Follow-up Services Available to CPS Men Discharged from F-CPS," Information last week reported that "funds for a few educational scholarship grants also are available...In all cases, financial assistance is to be based on need." This is an inaccurate wording of the basis for determining AFSC scholarship grants. The complete statement is: "The amount of these supplementary grants will be determined by an AFSC Educational Committee on the basis of 1) need, and 2) academic promise or performance."

### WORLD DETECTIVE

The work of a CPS epidemiologist who tracks down sources of venereal disease in San Juan, Puerto Rico, is featured in a recent issue of the World Journal, San Juan newspaper. "Robert Bogue, whose job it is to track down girls after they have infected patients...is the liaison man between the AFSC and the Department of Health, whose field workers do the actual ferreting out of prostitutes. A conscientious objector, he is a member of the Zalduendo Project (AFSC Unit) and is on detached service to the Marine Hospital. Before the war he was on the staff of Bellevue Hospital, New York City. "In an old ledger, Bogue has pasted pictures and 'health cards' taken from prostitutes by their customers or by clinical workers..." Then the next time a boy comes in and



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LONG RANGE EDUCATION - "It is becoming increasingly clear that if this country is to avoid peacetime conscription, the current opposition to such legislation must develop into a long-range educational program through which people will come to feel that there are better guarantees of security than peacetime conscription." This observation, which is based on recent statements of members of Congress and on current polls of public opinion, was made by Raymond Wilson, Sec. of the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

"Although Congress may not pass any of the currently proposed peacetime conscription measures, there is a growing conviction among members of Congress that if plans for world security fail, peacetime conscription will be necessary for our national security. Polls of public opinion, such as that made by the National Opinion Research Center, show that in spite of the efforts to plan for a lasting peace, more than half the American public expect the United States to fight another war within the next 50 years. It is because they wish to be secure from the next war as long as possible and, at the same time, secure in their preparedness for the war when it comes, that the public has come to reverse traditional American policy and decided that peacetime conscription is necessary. This unexpected result of the war will take a long time to change."

INFORMATION, PLEASE Two requests for prompt assistance from CPS men in gathering information of common concern to C.O.'s were reported to the Information Office this week. A list of persons who at one time or another have been known to be C.O.'s or pacifists while holding a public position and/or under an oath of allegiance, is needed in preparing the appeal of a C.O. case before the courts. The list is to include prominent public officials, as well as the names of teachers, lawyers, civil service employees, etc. In reporting this information, the name and location of the public position held by each person should be given, as well as some indication of whether or not the person would approve of his name being cited in court evidence. This information, which is wanted by Feb. 14, should be sent to Abraham Kaufman, Room 1025, 5 Beekman St., New York City, 7.

The second request is for specific information on the current racial situation in each F-CPS camp and unit and a report of race relations work being carried on by each group. According to a memo just issued from the F-CPS Exec. Office, the director or asst. director of each camp or unit will designate a man to assemble this material which is needed by the F-CPS Race Relations Committee on Feb. 15.

AD'S FOR CPS GUINEA PIGS Announcement was made this week of assistant directors for two sub-units of CPS #115 - medical research projects under OSRD (Office of Scientific Research and Development). Robert Dick succeeds Roy Stanley as AD of the nutrition experiment in Rochester, N.Y. Matt Thomson is AD for the "guinea pigs" who, figuratively speaking, jumped into their lifeboats this week and shoved off from Welfare Island, N.Y., for a month at sea.

CPS'S "SHOOT" EACH OTHER "The shooting of a documentary film of CPS has started," according to an announcement made this week at the F-CPS Office in Phila. "The film, which is being undertaken by the AFSC and BSC with the cooperation of the MCC and the NSBRG, is planned to take about 45 minutes to show. While it is not practical to cover all phases of CPS in the film, we do want to deal adequately with the significant phases of the program in both base camps and special service projects."

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### NEWS

#### EFFORTS TO SHAPE THINGS TO COME

Concurrent with renewed public interest this week in post-war plans, is the increased discussion in CPS groups of plans for future action in relation to mental hygiene, conscription, and post-war living.

Steps were proposed that might be undertaken now, in order to make the most constructive and enduring use of the wartime experience and efforts of C.O.'s

#### Mental Hygiene in the Post-war

The Mental Hygiene Program of CPS issued a "post-war feeler" to all CPS Units in hospitals and mental training schools. It suggested that present activities of the MHP might be carried on to a successful end if some kind of organization could be continued in the post-war period and opportunities provided for demobilized CPS men to do part-time, avocational work in the interest of mental hygiene. Three post-war proposals of the MHP call for focusing attention on the organization of lay committees, the promotion of public education in mental hygiene, and the enlightenment of state legislatures to the need of state institutions.

#### Conscription in the Future

In a memorandum to all F-CPS camps and units, CPS Representatives and Edsecs were asked to consult with their constituency about the advisability of presenting recommendations to Congress regarding the 1940 Selective Training and Service Act, which will shortly be considered for extension beyond its expiration on May 15. The communication pointed out that a Congressional hearing might result in curtailment--instead of development--of the present CPS program. A hearing would, however, probably provide an opportunity to recommend provisions in the extended Act for: 1) broader definition of "religious training and belief," 2) men whose opposition is not only to military service but to conscription and to compulsory assignment to "work of national importance," 3) more liberal interpretation of "work of national importance" to give full opportunity for the use of men's talents and training, 4) assignment of men to nationally important work entirely under the direction of private agencies as well as under governmental agencies, and 5) adequate pay.

#### Living in the Post-war World

Recent announcement of post-war proposals of British C.O.'s and of the Northern California Service Board have added further impetus to CPS discussions of future plans. A British bulletin, entitled The C.O. and the Future, concludes: "Whereas the soldier's duty--as he sees it--is nearly done, the C.O. has yet to strike his main blow for freedom...Because we believe our weapons to be more moral and ultimately more effective, we have the greater duty to devote ourselves selflessly not merely to the defense of liberty, but to the winning back of the freedom stolen by war."

In a monograph issued by the Northern California Service Board is announced A Decade Plan For California. "If it is true that the right to refuse service in war time is contingent upon our ability to live constructive, useful lives, it is mandatory that we begin by making specific plans now for our place in the post-war years...Our proposal is this: We will encourage the greatest possible number of progressive, thinking pacifists to move with us to a given area...where we will each become a part of a community in our own right, not as a member of a group of like-minded folk, but as an individual who has certain things in common with certain other people who come to live there...We who resist war and work to eliminate its basic causes carry the flame of revolution in our breasts."

#### ADM. INSTRUCTION #4 IS RECEIVED

The new Adm. Instructions pertaining to CPS men serving in public institutions were received from SSS this last weekend. Hospitals and

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### CPS REPRESENTATIVES MEET WITH STAFF AND COMMITTEE

Meeting on Feb. 23. Topics under discussion included: 1) the Selective Training and Service Act which Congress is about to consider for extension beyond its expiration on May 15; 2) the petition to the President for "New Directions" in CPS; 3) the desire for a CPS unit to work with war victims; 4) the purpose and operation of the CPS Union; 5) latest developments in the peacetime conscription campaign; 6) possibilities of an increased "allowance" in special service units; 7) relationship of F-CPS to SSS Adm. Instructions #4; 8) CPS publicity and interpretation; 9) the transfer situation in F-CPS. The agenda of the CPS (Executive) Committee meeting includes several of the above topics; sub-committee reports on Race Relations, Finances, CPS Work Projects and Incentives; an appeal from The Catholic C.O., and a "History of CPS" by the Education Office.

### TRANSFERS OUT OF F-CPS CAMPS REACH STANDSTILL

Continuous decline of base camp population in F-CPS reached a point this week which led Selective Service to cease authorizing transfers out of F-CPS base camps, in order to maintain population quotas. The small number of inductions into F-CPS and an average number of transfers out of base camps for several months, have brought about this situation. Until some way is found to maintain F-CPS camp strength or to reduce the total minimum F-CPS base camp population by closing a camp or camps, it seems unlikely that transfers out of camps will be authorized. It is improbable that inductions into F-CPS will increase-- at least sufficiently to produce a surplus above summer base camp manpower requirements. The reduction of the number of camps under AFSC adm. and the distribution of men among the F-CPS base camps and units is not possible at present. Neither religious adm. bodies, nor SSS is prepared to take over a F-CPS base camp; nor is the Dept. of Agriculture, nor the Dept. of the Interior prepared to discontinue present camp projects which could result in the closing of camps.

Meanwhile, to fill vacancies in F-CPS special service units, SSS is authorizing the transfer of men from BSC and MCC CPS. The F-CPS Executive Staff is continuing to work determinedly on this whole question; CPS Representatives and other CPS (Executive) Committee members are giving it thoughtful consideration this week.

### CPS POPULATION GROWS: F-CPS REMAINS CONSTANT

While the number of men in CPS increased approximately 10% during the past six months to reach a total of 8000 for the first time, the number of men in F-CPS for this period remained very nearly constant at 1712. A large part of the increase in the total CPS population was in Mennonite CPS at a rate of approximately 100 men inducted per month. Inductions into F-CPS during this period declined until they about equalled the 10 aver. monthly discharges and transfers out of F-CPS.

### ARTHUR GAMBLE LEAVES F-CPS

Arthur Gamble, 1942 director of Patapsco (Md.)--the first CPS camp--and since then a member of the F-CPS Executive Staff in Phila., resigns his present position on March 1, to become business manager of the Phila. YMCA. For more than two years Arthur has carried the responsibility for supervision of all AFSC and Government property in F-CPS camps, general supervision of camp farm programs, supervisor for F-CPS Dairy Farmers and Dairy Testers and for the Puerto Rico F-CPS Units.

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Selective Service has continued to authorize the transfer of men from F-CPS camps and units to vacancies in established special service projects. A report to the contrary last week was based on incomplete information. During the past fortnight, however, SSS has in one instance failed to approve a requested increase in the quota of a F-CPS special service unit, and in another instance, permitted an increase in a F-CPS special service unit only for the assignment of men from outside F-CPS. Discussions in Washington next week may clarify whether or not these decisions apply to specific instances only, or are part of a general policy. Factors which are believed to contribute to these decisions are low inductions into F-CPS and continuous transfers out of F-CPS base camps into new special service units. As a result, F-CPS base camp population has been reduced to the point where further expansion of F-CPS special service units would make improbable the meeting of summer base camp manpower requirements. A memorandum issued this week to AFSC camps and units by the F-CPS Executive Office states that "While the AFSC believes that a certain number of base camps with suitable projects are an important part of our CPS program as at present constituted, we do not desire to curtail our expanding program of sponsorship of additional special service units. We prefer rather to seek a solution of this problem through securing the closing of some base camp or through the transferal of some base camp plant to one of the other administering agencies, should it be possible for one of them to close a camp with a sub-standard work project, thereby releasing men for new special service unit openings. Efforts will continue in this direction."

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assigned, and to work on jobs outside the institution during their free time. The first men to receive this approval are members of the Alexian Brothers Hospital unit in Chicago. The approval of the living arrangements was for a specified period of time. The conditions under which outside work during non-project time was authorized were: 1) that other employable laborers are not displaced; 2) that the outside labor does not lessen effectiveness on project; 3) that the outside work is not performed on project time nor special consideration given on the project because of additional work; and 4) outside labor be discontinued as soon as it causes any public relations problem.

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Some basic problems affecting C.O.'s under the provisions and the operation of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 came up for consideration at the F-CPS (Executive) Committee meeting in Phila. on Feb. 23. The Committee decided that impending Congressional consideration of the extension of the present Act beyond its May 15 expiration, was an appropriate occasion for preparing a comprehensive, factual report on the C.O. and conscription in the U.S. This report is to be submitted to the AFSC Board of Directors and to the CPS Committee for approval and may be used either with Congress and/or the Executive in an attempt to gain greater opportunities for C.O.'s to serve and more comprehensive recognition of sincere convictions. (A memorandum was issued this week by the F-CPS Executive Office containing a tentative outline of the proposed report and asking for the judgment and the suggestions of men in F-CPS as to its use and content.)

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### CALL FOR CONTINUED PROGRAM OF ACTION AT MHP-CPS TRAINING SCHOOL CONFERENCE

of Agencies and Institutions to the 41 CPS men attending the conference sponsored by the training school division of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS at Vineland, N.J. and at Phila. a fortnight ago. Some indication of direction for action was given by Dr. James Lewald, superintendent of the District Training School, Laurel, Md., who emphasized the post-war possibilities of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS: "This Program has done much to pass on worthwhile information and stimulate thought and should not be dropped when this emergency is over. After this war, CPS men ought to continue their affiliation with such an organization. They should become aware of what their towns and states are doing— and not doing. Sustained effort is and will always be necessary if our aims are to be realized." (Continued on page 2.)

### DOUBLE WINNERS IN CPS ESSAY CONTEST

The Pendle Hill Publications Committee announced this week that first honors in the CPS essay contest which it sponsored are shared by Wallace Hamilton of the "guinea pig" unit at Mass. General Hosp. Boston, and Leonard Edelstein of the Central Committee of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS, Phila. The men will divide the \$100 award and both essays will be printed shortly as Pendle Hill Pamphlets. The Committee hopes also to publish a third CPS essay received in the competition. The title of Hamilton's paper was "Clash By Night"; Edelstein's was entitled "Sweet and Stale Delusions". The subject of the contest, which was limited to CPS men, was some problem that CPS men are coping with or about which they are vitally concerned. The essays were to be from 12,000 to 18,000 words and the deadline was Jan. 31.

### F-CPS UNIT RECEIVES JOB APPROVALS UNDER ADM. INSTRUCTIONS #4

Last week, SSS approved the first request under Adm. Instructions #4 for a group of men in F-CPS to work on jobs off the grounds of the institution to which they are assigned. The men to receive this approval are members of the District Training School Unit at Laurel, Md. In authorizing this outside work, SSS stated: "There is no objection on the part of this office for the continuance of such employment for so long a time as it does not interfere with the efficiency of the men on their regularly assigned duties or until such time as public relations are adversely affected. In either of these instances you will be expected to immediately discontinue outside employment."

### ADMINISTRATION OF MIDDLETOWN

In preparation for further discussions with SSS regarding the administration of the Middletown (Conn.) CPS Unit, the F-CPS Office this week consulted men in F-CPS to learn how many would wish to transfer to Middletown should SSS assume sole administrative responsibility for the Unit. A memorandum to F-CPS camps and special service units explains that "in November 1944 the majority of the men in Middletown indicated that they desired the AFSC to discontinue its sponsorship of the Unit. Since we recognize that we are dependent on the volunteer nature of our relationship with men for our effectiveness in administrative activities, we indicated to SSS at that time that we wished to turn the unit over to sole administration by SSS. Since SSS was not prepared to assume sole responsibility for the Unit, a temporary arrangement was worked out for the appointment by the hospital of an assistant director for the Unit from the staff of the hospital, thus relieving the AFSC of responsibility for the internal affairs of the unit..."

"Neither the State of Conn., SSS, or the AFSC are satisfied with the present arrangement."

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### NEWS

#### FRIEND AND COUNSELOR OF CPS PROGRAM DIES

Dr. W. J. Ellis, Commissioner of Institutions and Agencies in New Jersey and a leader in the development of the Civilian Public Service program in the field of public welfare institutions, died on March 11. Dr. Ellis was personally known to a number of CPS men and staff members through his active work in conferences with officials of public institutions, Selective Service and CPS, and in conjunction with the five CPS units located in New Jersey institutions under his supervision. Recognized nationally as a progressive leader in his field, Dr. Ellis emphasized throughout his career the importance of preventive practices through the study of dependency, delinquency and medical diseases. He once said that the Dept. of Institutions and Agencies "never relied on mere brick and mortar theory" and that it "has felt that sometimes institutions, by their very bigness, defeat the purpose for which they were built-- the restoration of the handicapped to a normal life in the community as quickly as possible, consistent with their own welfare and the well being of their neighbors."

#### AFSC COMPLETES WITHDRAWAL FROM MIDDLETOWN UNIT

This week the AFSC informed SSS that it has discontinued all administrative relations with GPS #81, Middletown, Conn. and withdrawn its sponsorship of the Unit. The AFSC recommended that SSS assume sole administration of the Unit. SSS has not indicated any decision about the future status of Middletown.

In a series of personal interviews with 80 CPS men in the Unit this week, the AFSC learned that of the 30 men who wanted the AFSC to continue sponsorship of the Unit, 12 men desired to transfer to AFSC camps and units. The requests for the transfer of these men who desire to remain in AFSC-CPS will be submitted to SSS for authorization. Although 21 men in other AFSC-CPS units have indicated that they would like to transfer to Middletown if it becomes a Government unit, SSS has given no indication of plans to replace the 12 men desiring to transfer out of the Unit.

#### MEDICAL LAKE QUOTA REDUCED

The Eastern State Hospital at Medical Lake, Wash., having increased its staff of regular employees by hiring additional workers formerly engaged in war industries, was able last week to request that the quota of its CPS Unit be reduced to 10. Of the seven men required to transfer out of the unit because of this action, five went to other special service units of their own choice and two went to base camps to wait for desired special service openings.

#### CPS MEN WELCOME

A cordial invitation is extended to CPS men to attend the Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends on March 21-28. During the afternoon session on March 23, the AFSC-CPS (Executive) Committee will hold its regular monthly meeting. At the March 24 session, a report of the activities of the AFSC--including the F-CPS program--will be given. Other sessions of the Yearly Meeting will include meetings for worship and for considering Friends' testimony and service. CPS men are also invited to attend the next meeting of the American Friends Service Committee which will be held in Wichita, Kansas, on April 6-8. In addition to worship and fellowship sessions, the meeting will include the latest first-hand reports on the work of the various sections of the AFSC both in this country and abroad.

#### COSHOCKTON DIRECTOR

Winslow Ames, assignee from CPS Camp Grottees, Va., has been selected as director of Camp #23, Coshocton, Ohio. He succeeds Sumner Mills, chairman of the F-CPS (Executive) Committee, who has been serving as director on a part-time basis since Feb. 1. Prior to assignment to CPS last Sept.,

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### PROPOSED CHANGES IN C.O. PROGRAM

The Federal Council of Churches and Attorney General Biddle issued statements early this week recommending changes in the operation and the provisions of the present program for conscientious objectors.

### Federal Council of Churches

Recommendations of the Federal Council include: 1) "that the work of the conscientious objectors shall be utilized to the maximum social advantage; 2) that religious and social welfare organizations should have access to the services of qualified CFS assignees; 3) that C.O.'s should be permitted to engage in programs of relief and rehabilitation abroad; 4) the parole of imprisoned C.O.'s facilitated so the nation may profit from their socially useful work; 5) that the maintenance of C.O.'s assigned to CFS is properly the responsibility of the federal government; 6) that earnings held in a frozen fund should be made available for the relief of dependents and that just compensation should be provided when men are killed or injured; 7) that IAO's who have served honorably in the armed forces shall not be discriminated against in matters of discharge and benefits in the G.I. Bill of Rights; 8) that the churches strengthen their fellowship with such of their number as may be in prison and in CFS; and 9) that the churches will, until the government has assumed these responsibilities, seek to meet the maintenance costs and dependency needs of these men."

### Attorney General Biddle

In his annual report to Congress, the Attorney General stated that problems raised by the insistence upon complete exemption by Jehovah's Witnesses and absolutists "can hardly be resolved unless Congress is willing either to alter the ordinary concept of ministers, or to grant absolute exemption to C.O.'s....The absolutists have been given separate classification and exemption under the English law. Short of this, they will continue to be a constant source of difficulty." In discussing the work program of C.O.'s, Mr. Biddle said: "Relief work in devastated areas overseas had been planned...but was prevented by a rider to the Military Appropriation Act, 1944...It is clearly in the national interest that the maximum number possible be placed in work on vitally useful projects." In reference to maintenance and dependency provisions, he said: "The men receive their maintenance and \$15 per month for expenses; where work is done for private employers, the balance of the prevailing wage is placed in a general fund; it has been recommended by the SSS that this fund be used to make dependency allotments, and I concur in this recommendation." The part of the report concerned with C.O.'s concludes "that, while greater flexibility has been achieved than in the last war, there is again presented an opportunity to profit from experience. In any further consideration of the SSS legislation, or any future adoption of peacetime military training, it will be necessary to weigh the administrative, psychological, and ethical problems of conscientious objection which have not yet been solved. The Congress may well consider the desirability of meeting these complexities by establishing a Board to deal especially with conscientious objectors, having final discretion with respect to their proper individual classification as well as their prompt assignment to suitable and useful work."

### F-CPS COMMITTEE CONSIDERS C.O.'S AND SEL. SERVICE ACT

The proposed AFSC report to Congress and the President on the C.O. and conscription in the U.S. is scheduled for careful consideration at the CPS (Executive) Committee meeting in Phila. today. Raymond Wilson, of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, and Paul French, of NSERO, have been invited to discuss the report with the Committee. Other topics on the agenda include: 1) Peacetime Conscription; 2) Camp Population and Special Projects; 3) Race relations; 4) Interpretation and Finance; and 5) Dependency. Ten CFS Representatives are present to participate as Committee members.

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## NEWS

### TO HELP CPS MEN DEVELOP PUBLIC EDUCATION WORK- IN MENTAL HYGIENE AND RACE

The promotion of public education regarding mental hygiene and race relations through the efforts of CPS men was given impetus last week by action of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS and the AFSC-CPS Committee. The MHP of CPS announced a new public education project--the preparation of a series of pamphlets regarding mental patients and mental institutions. While the pamphlets are to be authoritatively documented by leading physicians and psychiatrists, they will be written and illustrated by CPS men.... The AFSC-CPS Committee heard the recommendation of its sub-committee on race relations that it "should branch out into a new field of activity: that of helping to channel the interests of men in camps and units into projects of interracial significance in their respective communities. This would involve having some person of experience and ability visit the various units and help interested CPS men initiate, organize and develop study and action programs related to the problems of the local communities in which they are located." The Committee encouraged its sub-committee to go forward with the CPS staff to see what could be worked out to help CPS men prepare for and develop such a program.

### FRIENDS URGE ADEQUATE FOREIGN RELIEF & TERMS OF PEACE BE ANNOUNCED

An appeal for an announcement of peace terms by the United Nations and the urging of more adequate relief to war-devastated countries were recorded last week in minutes of joint sessions of the Phila. Yearly Meetings of Friends which are to be forwarded to the appropriate branches of the Government. "The Meeting encourages Friends to voluntarily undertake a program of personal sacrifice so they can give additional support to the AFSC for relief in stricken countries... The Meeting urges that this country promptly adopt a new system of rationing and provide more adequate shipping so that more food and goods are made available for those in other countries, including those now generally referred to as our enemy countries." The Meetings expressed themselves as being "deeply moved by the ruthless bombing of cities in Europe and Asia resulting in the death of hundreds of thousands of defenseless civilians, including women and children. These bombings have revealed more clearly than ever the utter savagery and frightfulness of modern war... For ourselves as part of the Christian Church, we are deeply and contritely concerned at the moral callousness in our own country which permits such descents into barbarism with scarcely a protest from those who profess to be followers of Christ, the Prince of Peace... The very evils against which our country fights have infected our own lives. We appeal to all men everywhere to use their influence to hasten the ending of this carnage by urging the leaders of the United Nations to announce peace terms so reasonable that they will command the confidence and support of the whole world."

### C.O. REPORT DISCUSSED BY AFSC-CPS COMMITTEE

Major consideration of the CPS (Executive) Committee meeting in Phila. on March 23 was given to the report on the C.O. and conscription as based on the experience of the AFSC. The possibility of a Congressional hearing at which this report could be presented seemed slight. It was recommended that the report be submitted to SSS to check its factual content and that it should then become available for presentation to appropriate branches of the Government by individuals and the Friends Committee on National Legislation.

### FIGHT FIRES WITHOUT CLOSING ANY CAMPS..

The reduction of all eastern F-CPS base camp populations to provide 125 additional fire-fighters in western F-CPS camps for an unusually hazardous fire season will be done without closing camps, was reported today.

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#### IS A DEMOBILIZATION LOAN FUND NEEDED?

A significant exploratory step in the development of AFSC demobilization plans was taken this week. The F-CPS Personnel Office and the AFSC Demobilization Planning Committee began a survey to determine whether or not a substantial loan fund will be needed by demobilized men who desire to locate--especially in rural areas--where their economic, social and religious life can be mutually helpful to a small community and to themselves. Interest in the possible need for such a loan fund has been stimulated by Elmon Benton's article in the Feb. 24 Friends Intelligencer, in which he proposes a \$300,000 fund. Men in F-CPS who are interested in this proposal are encouraged to write directly to Louis Schneider, chairman of the AFSC Demobilization Planning Committee, and give as much specific information as possible about their own post-war plans, including where they want to locate and how much money they will need. The Committee is eager to have comments and suggestions from CPS men about the proposed plan. Should the survey show that such a loan fund seems necessary and feasible, the Committee believes that it should be available. (Continued on page 2.)

#### C.O. REPORT BY AFSC IS NEARLY READY FOR RELEASE

One of the final steps before release of the report on the experience of the AFSC with the C.O. and conscription, was taken this week when Paul Furnas took the report with 30 pages of "exhibits" to General Hershey for the comments of SSS and suggestions for corrections of any inaccuracies. General Hershey said that SSS would complete its examination of the report by the end of the week, which would permit final editing next week. In a memorandum on April 4 to F-CPS camp directors, unit ass't. directors and members of the CPS Committee from camps and units, Paul Furnas discussed the production and distribution of the report and invited further suggestions as to the appropriate and effective use of it.

#### MORE FIREFIGHTERS

The CPS firefighting manpower to be concentrated in the West during the approaching fire season has been further increased by SSS approval of the Forest Service request to increase its CPS smokejumper unit up to a total of 230 men. This enlargement may mean nearly 100 additional men, which would more than double the AFSC smokejumper quota of 24 already selected by F.S. and announced. This increase makes a total of nearly 600 additional CPS men who will move into a dozen western camps during May and raises for the AFSC, BSC, and MCC the problem of providing effective administrative and counselling service to numerous side camps. In light of this situation SSS, the technical and administrative agencies will hold meetings in San Francisco on April 13-14 and in Portland, Oregon, on April 16-17 to discuss the whole problem of side camp operation. Louis Schneider, F-CPS ass't. executive director, will attend these meetings along with the directors of western F-CPS camps.

#### MEDICAL LAKE, WASH. CPS UNIT TO CLOSE

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Perry, superintendent of Eastern State Hospital, Medical Lake, Wash., SSS has authorized the closing of CPS #75 by April 10. The status of the unit has been uncertain for several months following 1) an increase in the number of workers, formerly engaged in war industries, who are not available to replace CPS men; and 2) a political situation in which the removal of the CPS unit was an issue in the recent campaign for the state governorship. For the past four months the quota of the unit has gradually been reduced from its original 25; last month it was set at 10. All these men are now transferring to Elktion. Upon its closing, CPS #75 will have completed serving Eastern State Hospital and its patients for two years and four months.

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### THE GOLDEN GATE

The approach of the April 25th. meeting in San Francisco of the United and Associated Nations has brought forth significant statements and proposals addressed to the Conference from men in CPS and from the Society of Friends. A group of men at CPS #134, Belden, Calif. who are concerned with a World Federation, are preparing to distribute copies of a proposed world constitution to all delegates at San Francisco. A unique feature of this proposal is a world legislature of three parts: a Senate representing nations, a House representing peoples directly by geographical districts, and a Chamber of Guilds representing the peoples of the world according to occupations.

The AFSC has endorsed and is distributing an official statement of the Society of Friends in Great Britain which is addressed to the Conference: "Peace can only be securely established as the unity of mankind is recognized and practised...Men of every race and nation must be the beneficiaries of the new world order...It is not enough to do good to others. One must work not so much for them as alongside of them... In the forefront of any General International Organization must stand the machinery for effective economic and cultural collaboration. The hope of peace lies in mutual cooperation in international reconstruction and public works, in concerted measures against poverty and disease, in educational collaboration and in the establishment together of the freedoms and responsibilities essential for the common man."

## NOTES

18-YEAR-OLDS have never known America to be free of military conscription during all their teen-age years. These boys are considered by the military to be an especially valuable source of manpower for the armed forces, and Congress is currently giving serious consideration to them in its discussion of the extension of the Selective Training and Service Act. Others besides Congressmen and military officials, however, should be concerned about recruits from this age group. Pacifists with an eye to the future might well ask: How many boys reaching the age of decision today, are taking a stand in conscientious objection to war and the war machine? What is being done to prepare youth to take such a stand and, once the decision is made, what is done to deepen understanding and develop capacities to live more effectively as men and women of peace? A few of these 18-year-olds are in CPS camps and units, in prison, and with the Army medical corps. More are being called up. These boys have not had years of peace experience and education--such as many of us had at school, church and home in a country free from an all-out war effort. Who is there to counsel them as they decide; who is there to encourage them as they attempt to live by their decision? Who is near them in age who can talk to them in their own language of what it means to be a pacifist today-- and tomorrow?

In peace time, many men now in CPS would be the high school, college and Sunday school teachers, the close friends and counselors of these 18-year-olds. Have conscription and war really cancelled the responsibilities inherent in these broken or unrealized social relationships? If not--and we are in truth our brother's keeper--have we also grown strong enough to reach out above the immediate problems of CPS and beyond the limitations of conscription to these teen-agers who, like us, seek to be apostles of peace?

"Today as we move against the terrible scourge of war--as we go forward toward the greatest contribution that any generation of human beings can make in this world--the contribution of lasting peace, I ask you to keep up your faith...We must go on to do all in our power to conquer the doubts and the fears, the ignorance and the greed, which made this horror possible...Let us move forward with strong and active faith."  
--From the undelivered Jefferson Day address of Franklin D. Roosevelt

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### NEWS

#### PUBLISH AFSC REPORT ON CPS HEARINGS ON C.O.'S UNCERTAIN

Printed copies of the 48-page report of the Experience of the AFSC in CPS, which has been checked for factual accuracy by SSS, will be available late next week for presentation to the Executive, members of Congress, certain public officials, leading newspapers, magazines, church and other pacifist groups, and CPS camps and units. Those who have friends and home-community leaders who wish to make a copy of the report personally available to their Congressmen and public officials, should write to AFSC-CPS. Suggestions for other appropriate and effective use of the report are welcome. Meanwhile, Raymond Wilson reports from Washington that he and Allen White (also of the Friends Com. on Nat. Legislation) and Lewis Hill of the ACLU, have been exploring the possibilities of Congressional hearings on C.O.'s and the Sel. Training and Service Act. "Hearings do not seem feasible in the House; it is under consideration in the Senate, but we do not yet know whether they will materialize."

AFSC MEETING The last meeting of the AFSC until September will be held in Phila. on May 4-5. At 10 a.m. May 4, the CPS (Exec.) Committee will lead off a series of section meetings: Peace, Social-Industrial, and Foreign Service. CPS men welcome.

NEW A.D.'S Luther Kirsch has been selected Assistant Director of CPS #87, Brattleboro Vt.; and James Ricks has become A.D. at CPS #124, Stockley, Del.

#### TRAVEL SCHEDULE OF PHILA. STAFF

The following visits to F-CPS units are planned for the next two weeks:

William Cooper	Conn. Dairy Testers & Farmers	April 20
"	Vermont	" 23
"	Cooperstown	" 24
Charles Mitchell	Big Flats	" 20-22
Adrian Gory	Gatlinburg	" 24-27
"	Cashocton	" 29-May 1.
"	Wooster	May 2.



### REPORTS

"A BENEFIT CONCERT FOR C.O.'S IN ERISON was given April 7 at the Hollywood Women's Club by CPS men from Glendora, Calif. Receipts from this program and a previous concert at Pasadena, totalled more than \$800. The programmes for the Hollywood concert were printed and donated by Dechcraft Press, Printers for Peace. More concerts are scheduled for several nearby cities, with a climactic performance proposed for one of Los Angeles's finest playhouses. We would like to have any professional musicians of outstanding ability transfer to Glendora and join us." --From the Exec., CPS #76.

A CURIOUS THING IS HAPPENING WITHIN THE WALLS OF FEDERAL PRISONS. For the past four years men have been streaming into the grey-bar hotels by the hundreds, and just as rapidly, hundreds of convicted men are issuing forth. This is not odd, but the ones who are entering are men who refuse to kill, and the ones who are emerging are men who vow they will kill until they themselves are dead or the enemy defeated... Now, the whole system of prisons has been sweetened by the presence of these young men who are not criminals.. They have educated the toughened guards in the more spiritual qualities and caused a relaxation of many restrictions: they are reformers who have permeated the stuffy rule books with the savor of old laws made new. In future years we may expect the men who are not in prison to attack the work of prison reform from the outside and thus complete the fight started behind the bars." --By an Ex-Con, The Kokon, CPS #107

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#### AFSC & CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS..

The next meeting of the CPS (Executive) Committee will be held May 4 in Phila. in conjunction with the last AFSC meeting until Sept. At least nine assignees--representative members of the CPS Committee are expected to gather next week in Phila. for preliminary discussions of such topics as: 1) the appropriate and effective uses of the AFSC Report on CPS Experience; 2) the study of Work Projects and Incentives; and 3) the need for a CPS Demobilization Fund. CPS men are invited to attend the meetings of the Peace, Social-Industrial, and Foreign Service Sections, as well as the general meeting of the AFSC May 5.

#### DISTRIBUTION OF AFSC-CPS REPORT

Distribution of the AFSC Report on CPS Experience will get under way next week. A major responsibility in this job will be carried by George Hogle of the Mass. General Hosp. CPS Unit who, it will be recalled, was one of the leaders in organizing CPS men in their nation-wide campaign against peacetime conscription. In addition to the copies of the report which will be sent to the press, public officials, members of Congress and other branches of the government, approximately 3000 copies will be distributed to and by those participating F-CPS. Because of the high publication cost for the 52-page booklet, it will be possible to send only one copy to each man in F-CPS without charge. A limited number of additional copies may be obtained at cost. This price figure will be computed and circulated with the report.

#### PREPARE TO TRANSFER MEN OUT OF MIDDLETOWN UNIT

Acting on the understanding that Selective Service intends shortly to transfer all present members of the Middletown CPS Unit, the AFSC this week undertook to ascertain whether each of the 33 men, who in a poll of the Unit in March indicated a preference for working with the AFSC, still desired to be in F-CPS. It is the belief of the AFSC that, with its approval, those men who continue to hold this preference will shortly be transferred to an F-CPS camp or unit. There is even less understanding as to what will happen to the balance of the men and whether or not a new unit will be assigned to Middletown, although it is conjectured that men not transferred to F-CPS will be sent to a Government camp. Since Middletown is no longer an F-CPS unit, the AFSC is not in a position to possess full knowledge of the situation.

#### WHY TRANSFERS ARE SLOW

Because Selective Service is currently deluged with nearly 1000 transfers which must be checked before authorization, the entire transfer process throughout CPS is slowed up. It is pointed out that even relatively routine transfers are held up by this situation and men are cautioned not to interpret delay in processing a transfer as disapproval or loss of an application. This unusually large number of transfers is caused by the movement of men west for firefighting, assignments to atypical pneumonia and malaria experiments, and the opening of new units (under MCC administration). The slow movement of transfers is likely to continue for a few more weeks.

#### DEMOBILIZATION

"When will I be demobilized?"--the question more CPS men are asking as the tempo of military developments increases--was discussed by the Interagency Demobilization Committee (AFSC, BSC, MCC & NSERO) at a regular monthly meeting in Phila. this week. Age, dependency, and length of service are still believed to be the determining factors, although Selective Service has not announced the relative weights to be assigned to them. While pressing for more definite information about these factors, the Interagency Committee is continuing to coordinate plans of

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#### CHANGES IN C.O. PROGRAM URGED IN AFSC-CPS REPORT

Eight changes in the present program for drafted C.O.'s are urged by the AFSC on the basis of its four years of experience in CPS and its work with C.O.'s in World War I. The recommendations are part of the 50-page report on The Experience of the American Friends Service Committee in Civilian Public Service which was published this week. The proposed changes include: 1) making "sincerity of conviction" rather than "religious training and belief" the test of conscience, and permitting men sincerely opposed to any form of conscripted service (absolutists) voluntarily to engage in socially useful services; 2) establishment of civilian boards to classify and assign C.O.'s; 3) the assignment of C.O.'s to serve with private as well as government agencies on critically understaffed projects of unquestioned social value and urgency on a basis that takes special training and talents into account; 4) the assignment of C.O.'s to foreign relief service and training for such services; 5) simplification of the administration of C.O.'s and their work; 6) federal allowances to dependents; 7) workmen's compensation for injury or death; 8) government pay at army rates for C.O.'s working on government projects and the prevailing wage for work on private projects-- the difference between the private rate and the government rate to be given to a public charity of the man's choice.

#### PUBLISHED REPORT IS NOW BEING DISTRIBUTED

Plans for the effective distribution of the AFSC experience report on CPS were completed this week as the booklet came off the press. Copies of the report will be sent next week to the director or assistant director of each F-CPS camp or unit, who will arrange for the assignee-representative or some one else to assist in distributing the report to each man who requests a copy. A memorandum describing in detail the plan for public distribution of the report will be sent shortly to camps and units. Present arrangements call for placing the report in the hands of prominent and understanding persons in all branches of the federal government, the press, radio and public and private organizations with an explanation in person and/or in writing. CPS men are urged to assist in such placement, but are asked not to make any contacts with members of Congress without first clearing with the AFSC-CPS Office. (Cont. page 2)

#### SEND GREETINGS TO C.O.'S IN AMERICA

Upon his recent return from a 4-months' visit to England, Elmore Jackson, Personnel Secretary of the AFSC, brought back formal greetings to the C.O.'s in America from the Friends' Ambulance Unit. The statement said: "We welcome Elmore Jackson, American Friends' Service Committee representative, and the opportunity his presence has afforded of closer contact and understanding between American and British pacifists. We ask him to convey a message of greetings and friendship to the men in CPS camps, in prison, and to those other C.O.'s who are united with them and with us in a mutual spirit of service. We are very grateful for the opportunities which have arisen, during this war, for cooperation in the field between American and British C.O.'s and we are glad of the promise which the future holds of further joint action."

#### F-CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A 3-page summary of the meetings of assignee-representatives and the F-CPS Executive Committee this week in Phila. has been prepared by the Representatives and sent to each F-CPS camp and unit. Among the items reported in the summary are: 1) redistricting under the Representation Plan; 2) changes in procedure for selection of camp and unit administrative personnel; 3) report on the work of the CPS Union and the Washington office of the NCCO; 4) situations at Elkton and Middletown; 5) demobilization; 6) study of work projects and incen-

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#### BASIS FOR DEMOBILIZATION FROM CPS TO BE ANNOUNCED

According to a report late Thursday, CPS men will be notified "in a couple days" as to the basis for demobilization from CPS. It is believed this procedure will closely parallel that of the armed forces as to the beginning date and the proportion of men discharged. Determining factors will probably be length of service, dependency, age.

#### AFTER CPS?

"What will I do when I am demobilized"? This became the second most important question in the minds of many CPS men following the announcement this week that more than a million drafted men on active duty will be discharged during the next twelve months. In an effort to help men work out their individual answers to this question, the F-CPS Personnel Office this week sent four pages of memoranda to persons on Jobs for Discharged or Demobilized CPS Men and a Loan Fund, as well as an announcement that within the next two weeks a summary of all demobilization planning by the AFSC and the Inter-Agency Demobilization Committee will be sent to all camps and units. To give some idea of the type of job opportunities which are expected to be available when demobilization gets under way, the memoranda list openings already reported in the fields of business, teaching, school maintenance, and farm management. It is pointed out that most business enterprises and other institutions do not feel that they can say at present what their post war needs will be, but as this information does become available, it will be circulated to camps and units promptly. The memoranda explain that the survey recently undertaken to determine the need for a Demobilization Loan Fund (Information 4-6-45) was intended to apply to all men in F-CPS and not just to Friends and/or those planning to settle in rural communities. Whatever the AFSC Demobilization Planning Committee decides to do about a loan fund will be based upon the indication of interest and possible need.

#### BIG PUSH FOR PTC PREPARED

The National Legionnaire has announced: "The big push to procure passage of the law to provide for Universal Military Training is being readied and the standby time awaiting the order 'Full steam ahead' nears its end." The effectiveness of this "push" is already being felt in Washington where it is reported that Congressmen are now receiving more mail favoring PTC than opposed. The plan for the 12 days of hearings on this measure, scheduled to begin June 4, has also been announced: the first three days for those favoring PTC, the opposition the next six, and the final three days to the proponents for rebuttal. In light of this very serious threat of a continuation of conscription--with which they have now had four years of experience--CPS men are reported again to be organizing a major campaign to help stop this "big push".

#### DEVELOPMENTS OF MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM OF CPS

Two new developments in the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS took place last week when the first edition of the 35-page CPS Attendant Handbook was published, and the first visit to Western CPS camps and hospital and training school units was undertaken by the chairman of the educational services of the Program, Harold Barton. The handbook, which is considered to be only the initial step in developing a manual for general attendant use, is divided into four sections: 1) "A Look Backwards" (important developments in psychiatry); 2) "The Patient and You"; 3) "Common Types of Mental Disorders"; and 4) "Sources of Further Information and Study". The objectives of Barton's visit to men in Western CPS camps and units are to encourage a greater sense of making common cause together, and to develop mutual understanding and assistance.

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#### CPS DEMOBILIZATION BOARD SET UP BY SSS

The point plan for CPS demobilization is still being worked out, and official announcement of the scoring system is expected shortly. Meanwhile, Selective Service has announced the appointment of a 3-man Demobilization Board to handle all CPS discharges. The Board, which is made up of members of the SSS staff and includes Col. Brown (Medical), Col. Dunkle (Legal) and Major Fisko (Administrative), will use three systems for releasing men from CPS: 1) a continuation of the present medical, hardship, occupational and military discharges; 2) an age basis comparable with that of the armed forces; and 3) a point system corresponding with the military forces and probably based on length of service and dependency.

Executives of AFSC, BSC, MCC, and WBERO met with SSS officials early this week to review the bases and procedures for discharge as well as to discuss various point plans for demobilization. It was apparent from the discussions that SSS did not anticipate the present demobilization plans would greatly change the CPS program during the coming year. Men will continue to be assigned and the proportion of men demobilized under a point plan will not be any larger than the percentage discharged from the military forces. Representatives of the church agencies expressed hope that the point system for CPS would be announced shortly and that discharges for other reasons would be facilitated by the Board. It is understood that SSS will depend upon the administrative agencies to furnish them with information from the established personnel forms with which they can determine the points for each assignee. (Some men have not sent in such forms or kept them up to date!)

#### 49 MEN NEEDED IN 7 SPECIAL PROJECTS

MENTAL HOSPITALS: Williamsburg-5; Warron-2. DAIRY FARMS: Conn.-10. TRAINING SCHOOLS: New Lisbon-4; Ponnhurst-3. MEDICAL RESEARCH: Melaria (NYC)-10; Jaundice (New Haven)-15. The figure given may include replacement needs in addition to openings immediately available.

#### 30 MIDDLETOWN MEN ASK AFSC TO SUBMIT NAMES FOR TRANSFER

Thirty members of the Middletown (Conn. State Hosp.) CPS Unit who indicated a preference for Friends' administration in the poll conducted before the AFSC withdrew from Middletown, have specifically asked to be transferred to Friends CPS and have instructed the AFSC to submit their names to SSS for transfer. In response to the requests, the AFSC is forwarding these applications to SSS and, in cases where transfer to special service units are sought, to technical agencies and hospital superintendents. What will happen to the balance of the Middletown Unit is not known to the AFSC. The AFSC has told SSS that there are some men in the Unit who preferred Friends' administration but voted for withdrawal of the AFSC in an effort to assist other men who strongly desired a Government administered special service unit. SSS has indicated that they might favorably consider approving transfers in such cases to Friends' camps or units.

#### CAMP DIRECTORS

Gordon Foster, former director of Powellsville, has been selected to direct CPS #108, Gatlinburg, Tenn. Edward Porcock has again been selected director of CPS #94, Tronton, N. D., following the annual review of camp staff personnel. Both men are assignees.

#### GORMFAK TO CLOSE

The Government CPS Camp at Gormfask, Mich., will be closed on or about June 1st and the members of the camp transferred to a new location near Werverville, Calif., to fight forest fires, according to the May 12th issue of the Gormfask Newsletter.

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#### APPOINTMENT WITH PRESIDENT TRUMAN

Representatives of the AFSC had an appointment with President Truman on Monday of this week at which time the President was given a copy of the AFSC-CPS Experience Report and a brief memorandum on the use of CPS manpower. The 15-minute appointment was intended to acquaint the President with the work of the AFSC and its concern that Americans help to feed the starving peoples of Europe and that certain changes are needed in the present C.O. program. Clarence Pickett, Paul Furnas and Harold Evans, who represented the AFSC, report a cordial, attentive reception of their message on the part of the President.

#### PUBLIC OPINION FAVORS CHANGES IN C.O. PROGRAM

The majority of Americans approve at least four changes in the C.O. program which are recommended in the report of "The Experience of the AFSC in CPS". According to the Office of Public Opinion Research, which has just completed a national survey of public attitudes towards C.O.'s, the majority of Americans approve of C.O.'s doing overseas relief service, receiving federal dependency aid and some pay, and being assigned to jobs which use their skills and training. The poll also shows that during the past year, despite mounting war casualties, there has been a substantial increase in the public's approval of C.O.'s in general. The results of this national survey directed by Hadley Cantril, a recognized authority in this field, are as follows:

1. "In general, do you approve or disapprove of Conscientious Objectors?"  
 Approve - 26.0%      Disapprove - 65.1%      No Opinion - 8.9%  
 A year ago when the same question was asked, only 18.1% of the public approved.
  2. "Many C.O.'s are willing to be sent overseas to help in relief work in war areas. Do you approve or disapprove of their going?"  
 Approve - 75.3%      Disapprove - 18.5%      No Opinion - 6.2%
  3. "At present C.O.'s who are drafted by the government for work receive no pay for their work. Their dependents receive no financial aid. Would you approve or disapprove of their dependents receiving some federal aid?"  
 Approve - 67.1%      Disapprove - 24.4%      No Opinion - 8.5%  
 "Would you approve or disapprove of C.O.'s receiving some pay for their work?"  
 Approve - 60.8%      Disapprove - 30.3%      No Opinion - 8.9%
  4. "Should C.O.'s who are drafted for work be assigned to manual work in labor camps, or should they be assigned to jobs which make use of their skills and training?"  
 Manual Work in Labor Camps - 16.8%      Skilled Jobs - 70.9%      No Opinion - 12.3%
- The poll was made possible through the efforts of members of the CPS Union and the contributions of their friends.

#### AFSC-CPS REPORT GETS AROUND

Although it is too early to record the nature of official or public response to the AFSC-CPS Experience Report, announcements of the Report and its recommendations are appearing in newspapers and have been referred to in at least one radio network broadcast. In the meanwhile, key persons and groups are being asked to assist in interpreting the Report and to urge adoption of the recommendations. The letter which accompanied the Report sent to a number of these persons said in part:

"The enclosed report on Civilian Public Service has been prepared in order that the public, Congress and Administration officials might have a background for evaluating the work of conscientious objectors during World War II. Specifically, it is hoped that this Report will result in certain changes in the law and its administration. Conscientious objectors should be entitled to pay for their work, compensation for injuries and support for their dependents. Their manpower should not be wasted on



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## CPS DEMOBILIZATION

Although Selective Service last week announced the plan for partial demobilization of CPS men, they indicated that it would take nearly two months before the necessary information could be compiled by which they would determine the minimum number of discharge credits required for demobilization. In the meantime, the FCPS Personnel Office, on the basis of estimates from incomplete records, urges men not to think of being demobilized during the next 12 months unless their total credits are over 50 points. ("One credit for each month service or major fraction thereof in CPS: 12 credits for each child under 18 and in being prior to May 12, 1945: three credits for wife, provided marriage status was assumed prior to May 12, 1945...Deducted from the total, one credit for each day AWOL and one credit for each day ATW.")

The attention of men, however, is called to the fact that with the establishment of a CPS Demobilization Board by SSS, it is expected that the discharge of men for reasons of age, hardship, medical, military or occupation, will be expedited. Men are reminded of the SSS announcement that the Adjusted Service Rating Cards, which CPS men are to fill out for demobilization, must be received by SSS on or before July 1, in order to receive consideration. Men who, on May 12, 1945, had not been in CPS for a year, are not eligible to apply for demobilization under present provisions.

## CPS CLIPPING SERVICE

The assistance of CPS men in checking the response of the American press to the AFSC-CPS Experience Report, is being sought by the AFSC Publicity Office. Men are asked to send clippings of news, feature and editorial articles about the report, which have appeared in newspapers and other periodicals, to John Rich, AFSC Publicity Secretary, 20 South 12th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The information gained from studying the clippings will be of assistance in completing plans for effective distribution and use of the Report and in securing support for the recommended changes in the C.O. program.

## FIRST MHP PUBLIC EDUCATION PAMPHLET NEARS COMPLETION

"Forgotten Children," a story of mental defectives and training schools, is the first public education pamphlet to be prepared by the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS. A first draft of the booklet was completed last week under the editorship of Harold Krause of CPS #92, Vineland (N.J.) Training School, who has been directing the efforts of men in his unit in the preparation of this work. The manuscript is now being circulated for critical comment among MHP advisors and a special board of experts in the fields of mental hygiene, education and publications. On the basis of suggestions from this group, the final draft of the pamphlet will be prepared. The MHP hopes that the finished product, which will be a type of publication resembling the popular "Public Affairs Pamphlets", will be sponsored and published by some public welfare agency.

## WANTS TO CORRESPOND

A request from a man in the armed services who wishes to correspond with men in CPS has been referred to Information. The serviceman is a member of the FOR and is stationed at an evacuation hospital in the Philippines. He would like especially to hear from CPS men who are interested in the fields of the natural and social sciences. Address letters to Private Norman F. Grant, 21st Evacuation Hospital: APO #75, c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, Calif.

On May 15, 1941, the first CPS camp opened with 26 assignees. The CPS population on this anniversary grew to 2,699 in 1942; to 6,178 in 1943; to 7078 in 1944; and to 8373 in 1945. In 1946 it will be less than 8000...

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#### CPS MEN HELP TO TEST USE OF "DDT"

Once again C.O.'s are playing an important role in testing new uses for the powerful insecticide DDT. In the summer of 1942, experiments on lice-carrying CPS "guinea pigs" led to the development of methods for applying DDT and for administering it on a large scale to destroy the dreaded typhus-carrying louse. In the current experiment, instead of serving as "guinea pigs", CPS men are assisting as research workers and technicians in tests to determine the ways and the extent to which DDT can be used on a large scale to kill pests harmful to plant life—especially to farm crops. According to the Associated Press, "the most carefully controlled anti-pest experiment ever attempted" began this week when an Army plane sprayed DDT over 117 acres of woodland in the wild life refuge at Patuxent, Md. (CPS #34) where "for nearly two years conscientious objectors and others have been mapping out the refuge, noting the position of nests, insect hills and breeding places of pests. No other area in the world has been so minutely mapped and the Fish and Wildlife Service and the Agriculture Department expect the experiment to provide complete information on the effect of the potent insecticide. Sometime after the spraying the area will be examined again and a record made of the action of DDT." This is "the first real step toward preparing for the release of DDT from the military services to civilian markets and whatever the results, the experts said, the new experiment would serve as a valuable guide to civilian use of DDT."

#### PUBLISH FIRST CPS SOURCE BOOK

The first source book written and illustrated entirely by CPS men and published as part of the Civilian Public Service program came off the press last week. The 110-page book entitled, "Puerto Rico: Unsolved Problem" was written by Earl S. Garver, Director of the Wellston, Mich. CPS Camp #42, and Ernest B. Fincher of CPS #129 at the Pennhurst State School, Spring City, Penna. The charts, maps, cover designs and other illustrations were the work of John Morgan of CPS #49, Phila. State Hosp., and William Schule who has been released from CPS. The editor and coordinator of the publication has been Eldon Burke of the Brethren Service Committee Staff who is now under appointment for foreign service. This book is the second major publication undertaken by members of the CPS #101 Research Unit (4035 Spruce St., Phila.) in the summer of 1942 and completed in non-project hours following Congressional action in 1942 which terminated foreign service training on project time. The first major published work of the Research Unit appeared last year and consisted of completing and editing "International Relief in Action" by Bertha Krause.

According to the Foreword of "Puerto Rico: Unsolved Problem", "the authors, students of economics and government respectively, within the limits of time and freedom of action imposed by Civilian Public Service, has produced a creditable study, and it is hoped that it will find use not only in providing an introductory preparation for those who desire to render service in the island, but for others who do not have time to read critically the large amount of literature available on the subject." Copies of this attractive and informative book are available for \$1.00 from the AFSC, BSC and MCC central offices.

#### FOPS ASSIGNEE-REPRESENTATIVES

Jim Hughes, newly elected FCPSS assignee-representative for Coshocton the Agriculture Units on the CPS (Executive Committee will arrive in Phila. on June 11 to serve as interim-representative prior to the Committee meeting on June 22. Henry Hall has been chosen as the new assignee-representative for the Phila. State Hosp. and the Phila. Jaundice Units.

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### MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM BEGINS DRIVE FOR POST-WAR OPPORTUNITY

As plans for demobilization begin to raise questions about the post-war continuance of certain CPS projects important to the public welfare, the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS announces the prospects of a financial grant from a national foundation which would permit the work of this organization to be carried on after the war. At the same time, to each of its 60 constituent units throughout the country, the MHP sent an urgent appeal for an early completion of project material which is to serve as a basis for securing foundation support. The projects include: 1) the preparation of pamphlets for public education and for training workers in institutions; 2) a summary statement of conditions in mental institutions; and 3) a legal survey.

At the present time, the laws of approximately 24 states are being surveyed and efforts are now being made to procure at least 24 more CPS men and women to aid in the study of the remaining states. In conjunction with the summary statement, CPS men in all units are being urged to fill out "fact-finder" forms and to write letters to the MHP Central Committee describing the needs of their institutions as they have observed them through their experiences. Approximately 10 pamphlets designed for training attendants and awakening public interest are in preparation at present. The announcement of the MHP points to the need for completing these projects by Sept. 1, the deadline for material which can be presented to the foundation.

### PREPARE FOR FCPs COMMITTEE MEETING

Demobilization Plans, Foreign Service, the FCPs Financial Problem, and the further use of the AFSC-CPS Experience Report—these are the major items listed to date on the agenda for the AFSC-CPS (Executive) Committee meeting in Phila. on June 22. Representatives have been asked to consult with their constituencies on these matters prior to assembling in Phila. on June 20 for their discussion and planning sessions before the Committee meeting. Jim Hughes of Coshocton, who is serving as interim-representative, reports that Merle Randle of CPS #132, Laurel, Md., has been elected to succeed Robert Coe of Pennhurst, as representative for the training school units. The Representatives may give some consideration to the desirability of having an elected representative at the meetings of the NSBRO. This recurrent question in CPS has been receiving the serious attention of the Brethren CPS Council (assignee-representatives) recently.

### NEW CAMPS FROM OLD

Two new CPS camps have been established by transferring men en masse from two other camps which have now been closed. CPS #148, located at Weaverville, Calif., is a Forest Service camp administered by Selective Service. It is made up of men transferred from Germfak which was operated by SSS in conjunction with the Fish and Wildlife Service. CPS #149 is a "U.S. Forest Service Research Project...located in several states." It has headquarters in Phila. and is sponsored by the AFSC. Members of this unit who were drawn largely from Cooperstown, "will be engaged in gathering, compiling, and analyzing research information in the fields of forest management, watershed management, forest resources, forest products, and range management, and will participate in the preparation of reports."

### CPS DEMOBILIZATION MEETING AND PLANS

The CPS Interagency Demobilization Committee will convene in Chicago on June 19 to exchange information and suggestions with representatives of church and pacifist agencies which are concerned with the welfare of C.O.'s. Meanwhile the AFSC-CPS has issued a 3-page memorandum to its "constituency" on "Demobilization Planning and Possible Local Community Assistance." This report includes a description of what plans have been made to date in anticipation of the return of drafted men, the activities of local demobilization

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### FCPS SISTER TWO YEARS OLD

Women's Service in Mental Hospitals, an official part of the Friends Civilian Public Service program, will observe its second anniversary at Phila. State Hospital on June 27. Established to provide an opportunity for young women to join with CPS men in being of service in mental hospitals where personnel shortage has been and continues to be extremely acute, WSMH has grown from an original group of eight to 40 members. A second unit has been opened this summer at the Trenton, N.J. State Hospital. During the past two years, the 64 members of WSMH, serving with pay as regular attendants or nurses, have contributed a total of 237 work-months toward alleviating the critical situation in mental hospitals. Some indication of the extent to which they have been able to join with CPS men in being of service is shown by the frequent cooperation in educational and community welfare projects, as well as in the fact that 12 members of WSMH have become wedded to CPS — through husbands. Members of the Unit point out that at times in their work they have been utterly discouraged—their endeavors and achievements seemed so slight in comparison with the need. They have been encouraged, however, by working together as a like-motivated group and by the determination of hospital administration to raise the standard of service to patients.

### GHOST RIDER

That perennial Congressional provision prohibiting drafted C.O.'s from training for or engaging in foreign relief service, has appeared again on Capitol Hill. It returned to its old haunt in the War Department's Appropriation Bill during a session of the House Military Affairs Committee late last week. The prohibitive amendment was added to the Bill despite recommendations of the Army and the War Dept. that it be kept out. According to one report, in taking this action certain members of the Committee asserted that there was plenty of work for C.O.'s in this country without going abroad. The Bill, of course, has yet to pass the House and Senate and to be signed by the President; and efforts will be made to remove the amendment enroute. It will be recalled, however, that such moves have proved ineffective heretofore. Even when Joseph Starnes, the originator of the rider, was not returned to Congress last year, the spirit of what expressed persisted—even as it does today.

### FCPS REPS. MEET

Eight of the 11 FCPS assignee-representatives are in Phila. this week for the June 22 meeting of the AFSC-CPS (Executive) Committee — of which they are members. Four of these "reps." are newly elected and two are alternates attending for men unable to come. The reps. in attendance include: James Pardoe of Big Flats; George New of Elkton; Henry Hall of Phila. State Hosp.; Ogdon Hannaferd of Trenton; Morle Randle of Laurel (representing training ethnops); Robert Davison of Concord (also representing Brattleboro, Warren, Williamsburg); James Hughes of Coshocton (also representing agricultural units); and Edward Petts from Catlinburg.

### MIDDLETOWN

As previously reported, SSS proposed to, announced on June 15 its plan for the future of the CPS Unit at the Middletown Conn. State Hospital. The announcement came on this date in the form of a notice signed by Dr. Charles Russman of the hospital staff and posted on the Unit bulletin board. It said in part: "By official instruction from Selective Service this Unit is now entirely administered by them. All connections with religious agencies are terminated. All official records, reports and transactions pertaining to the Unit and its members will be made through Dr. Russman's Office. All CPS men are frozen in their respective units as of today and no transfers in or out of the various units will be entertained by Selective Service. The office of Mr. McAllester (A.D.) will be closed and his services will no longer be available to the men of the unit."

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### BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF C.O.'S CRITICALLY NEEDED

Despite the increase in public approval of C.O.'s as revealed in a recent national survey (Info 5/25/45), Congress continues to refuse to permit C.O.'s to perform foreign relief service and the agitation by military groups and Congressmen to delay the demobilization of CPS men continues to grow. Bills have now been introduced into the House which can make those matters law. This situation, according to Raymond Wilson of the Friends Committee on National Legislation, points to the critical need for more effective interpretive work and a continuing educational program in Congress about C.O.'s and their work. One of the most effective things which CPS men and their friends can do is to make a copy of the AFSC-CPS Experience Report personally available to Congressmen while they are at home during summer recess. Men are urged to get in touch with the AFSC-CPS Office if through friends and relatives they are able to make a personal presentation of the Report to Representatives, Senators or other officials.

### STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON C.O. DEMOBILIZATION

In view of the pressure being exerted by the American Legion and other military organizations not to allow C.O.'s to be demobilized until all branches of the armed forces have begun demobilization, the AFSC last week issued the following statement to the press: "Officials of the American Friends Service Committee in charge of administering Friends Civilian Public Service feel that conscientious objectors who have honorably fulfilled their duties assigned to them under the Selective Service law should be demobilized in a way similar to men in the armed services. We understand that Selective Service has worked out such a procedure and if there is any belief that drafted men in civilian services were given advantages over men in military services, that is mistaken. Quite the contrary is true. CPS men have served without pay in many essential tasks considered by the Government 'work of national importance'. Their assignment to CPS camps is not intended to be punitive or disgraceful. They have fulfilled their duties in hospitals, public health projects, forest fire fighting and land reclamation units and other public welfare work, including serving as human guinea pigs in medical research. As men who have done their duty honorably and in accordance with the law, they should be entitled to return to civilian life at approximately the same rate as men who have served in military capacities."

### TRANSFERS

With occasional transfers the exception, general immobility seems to describe the current policy of Selective Service in regard to transfers. The AFSC will continue to press for exceptions under this policy as they may be warranted and will announce the exceptions in information. SSS has stated that until further notice, it will be impossible to consider transfer requests based on "purely personal reasons"; that transfers from West Coast camps will be discontinued during fire season; and that transfers from hospital and training school units will not be made except for reasons of health. The decision not to consider transfers for personal reasons is likely to be in effect for the fire season and is based on: 1) contemplated discharge of 850 men requiring many transfers; 2) ODT request to SSS to hold rail movements to a minimum.

### PUBLIC PREFERS EDUCATION TO PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION

What the American public thinks about peacetime conscription depends in a large measure upon the way the problem is presented. A survey just completed by the National Opinion Research Center, University of Denver, shows that 56% of the people of the U.S. think an annual federal appropriation of two billion dollars would be better spent on regular education than on military training. When the comparative importance of educational training is not suggested, 72% of the people favor FPC.

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### AFSC-CPS INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETS

A meeting of the Interim Committee of the AFSC-CPS (Executive) committee was held in Phila. July 3 to work out plans which will endeavor to meet the pressing needs raised at the preceding CPS Committee meeting. The agenda included consideration of the base camp problem--especially in light of Lou Schneider's report (CPS Committee Minutes 6/22); the growing opposition to CPS demobilization and foreign service; and the serious financial situation in FCPS. The Committee decided that the first two needs could best be met by bringing about some of the changes urged in the AFSC-CPS Experience Report. It recommended to the CPS Committee that the FCPS Staff make a new and vigorous attempt to secure the necessary changes. The extensive program for obtaining financial support was outlined which the Committee hoped would be effective in raising the needed funds not yet in sight. Two of the four assigned-representatives asked to meet with the Committee because they were within reach of the meeting, were able to attend--Tim Haworth of New Haven, Conn. Jaundice Experiment and Henry Hall of Phila. State Hosp. These men have issued a report of the meeting to other representatives who are now prepared to report to their constituents.

### CRICKLES IN THE FREEZE

As announced in the previous issue, Information will report whatever FCPS exceptions there are to the prevalent immobility in the transfer situation. During the past week official authorization has been received for the transfer of five men from Elkton to the New Haven Jaundice Exp. These men are: Peter Bennett, Armin Saeger, Tilman Stangeland, Thomas Taylor, Park Woodrow.

### BRITISH C.O.'S CONFER ON THEIR POSTWAR ROLE

A conference of British pacifists to consider "The Religious, Political, and Social Implications of Christian Pacifism" will be held in London this month under the sponsorship of the Friends Ambulance Unit. In contrast to the first conference held four years ago when "The discussion revolved around the faults and functions of the Unit," the present meeting will consider "not the Unit but the wider implications of our Christian pacifism in a world which is neither Christian nor pacifist." A collection of brief, provocative essays by leading young pacifists has been printed and circulated in preparation for the meeting and pacifists who are not able to attend--many are still overseas in service--are asked to send written contributions to the conference. The meeting will consider such questions as: Is there a need for a separate Pacifist Church? Is some form of service incumbent upon Christian Pacifists? Should pacifists infiltrate existing organizations, or must they create their own? Would our witness against war be vitiated if such an organization were allowed by the State as an alternative to military service? What should be the role of the Christian Pacifist in politics?

### A POSTWAR ROLE FOR 2000 AMERICAN C.O.'S

A forthright statement of what a national public welfare organization hopes one of the roles of CPS men will be in their communities after the war, is found in the 35th annual report of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene: "Under any conditions the services of this body of men, 1800 in number, would be gratefully received, but in present circumstances their contribution is of inestimable value. This group...has drawn up for itself, as an outgrowth of its experience in mental hospitals, a Mental Hygiene Program...The National Committee for Mental Hygiene is encouraged to hope that the interest shown by this group in the care of the mentally ill will not cease with the war's end. No one can deny that members of the Civilian Public Service units have first-hand knowledge of conditions in our mental hospitals. Since they know whereof they speak their voices may well be hearkened to, and their influence in their communities may well break down the lethargy of the public in regard to present conditions in mental hospitals."

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### CONGRESS TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION THAT WOULD DELAY CPS DEMOBILIZATION

The House Military Affairs Committee this week favorably reported out an amended version of the Winstead Bill, which if it became law--would do away with the point system for demobilizing CPS men and would probably keep nearly all men in CPS for the duration. Proponents of the measure, lead by Representative Winstead of Mississippi, are confident that they can get the Bill placed on the unanimous consent calendar and secure an early favorable vote in the House. How such a measure would make out in the Senate is uncertain.

Meanwhile, although Selective Service is believed to be continuing with its preparations to begin the demobilization of CPS men, it is thought improbable that any man will be demobilized while such a measure is pending. Since this is the first bill solely about C.O.'s to come before Congress, CPS men are cautioned against prejudging the outcome. Increased efforts are being made to interpret C.O.'s to Congress. Men in camps and units can assist by making a copy of the AFSC-CPS Experience Report personally available to members of Congress through relatives and friends.

### NEED FACTS ABOUT WORK PROJECTS & INCENTIVES

Two events during the past fortnight have emphasized the urgent importance of completing the FCPS Study of Projects and Incentives-- first, the action of the AFSC-CPS Interim Committee last week in urging a new and vigorous effort to bring about some of the changes recommended in the AFSC-CPS Experience Report; second, the appointment of a full time worker to handle correspondence and correlate information on projects and incentives under the direction of the FCPS Personnel Office. This Office points out that basic to obtaining action on some of the changes recommended in the CPS Program is a completely documented study of the work projects. Men in camps and units are urged to assist the local Study Coordinator to complete an objective and detailed report on the potential use and the actual use of CPS manpower. The appointment of a full time worker will insure prompt assistance to Study Coordinators and should speed up the preparation of this needed information.

### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

To meet the increasing demands of dependency problems and preparation for demobilization, adjustments have been made in certain responsibilities carried by some of the offices in FCPS in Phila. Follow-up work with discharged men, except for dependency matters, will now be handled by the Personnel Office--Earle Edwards, Adrian Gory, and Virginia Rice. All questions pertaining to transfers and vacancies in camps and units will be the responsibility of the Transfer Office under Mary Newman.

### 36 MEN NEEDED IN 9 SERVICE UNITS

The following vacancies are announced as available to men in Eastern camps and in guinea pig projects which are being terminated or reduced. In some instances the openings reported include replacements needed. MENTAL HOSPITALS: Williamsburg-3; Phila. State-2; Warren-1; Concord-4. TRAINING SCHOOL: Pennhurst-2. DAIRY FARMS: Conn.-10. DAIRY TESTERS: Vt.-2. MEDICAL RESEARCH: Low Altitude (NYC)-3; Phila. Jaundice-4.

### TRANSFERS AUTHORIZED

As previously announced, Information is reporting whatever FCPS exceptions there are to the prevalent immobility in the transfer situation. During the past week the deadline for the third quota of guinea pigs for the Malaria Experiment in New York City was not by official authorization of these transfers: From Elkton--Charles Gilbert and William Dorsey; from Big Flats--Folger Hunt; and from Warren Hosp.--Russell Hammar. Floyd Wheeler was authorized to transfer from Elkton to Phila. Jaundice.

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### HOUSE RECESS DELAYS CPS DEMOBILIZATION DECISION TO OCTOBER

A postponement of the possible start of CPS demobilization at least until October appeared inevitable this week following the decision of the House to recess until October 9 and the announcement of Selective Service that it is not prepared to start CPS demobilization while there is legislation to the contrary pending in Congress. The Winstead Bill as favorably reported to the House last week would prevent SSS from using a point system to demobilize C.O.'s and, while it does provide "that nothing herein shall prevent the release of such men because of undue hardship", it nevertheless is intended to prohibit the discharge of C.O.'s "while the armed forces are still engaged in combat with the enemy and members of such forces are denied release." This is made clear by the "Report" which the House Committee approved and which accompanies the Bill.

When the measure is finally called before the House, it is expected to pass. It is believed, however, that there are members of the Senate Military Affairs Committee who are not inclined to support discriminatory legislation and hope for defeat of the measure rests with them.

In a memorandum sent to all FCPS camps and units accompanying a copy of the Winstead Bill and Report and a transcript of the hearings on the measure, Paul Furnas suggests: "As some of you have heard us say from the time CPS commenced, we can anticipate that the feeling on the part of those who are antagonistic can be expected to increase until the sober second thought begins to appear after the conclusion of the war. This can be true at the same time that the understanding of the C.O. and appreciation of his attitude can increase among other people. The antagonistic attitude is naturally more conspicuous than the less assertive spirit of understanding."

### WILL APPROVE TRANSFERS TO NEW LIFERAFT EXPERIMENT

A new 12-man liferaft medical research project at the Metropolitan Hospital in New York City has been authorized and Selective Service is prepared to approve at once the transfer of qualified volunteers to this experiment from Eastern base camps (Big Flats, Gatlinburg and Trenton). This project is a continuation of an experiment held under the same supervision during February and March. It will provide additional information about the effects of existing on a diet which is higher in protein and water content than is currently in use. Since the experiment is expected to run six months, beginning August 15, there is some hope that with the expected relaxation of transfer restrictions at the end of the fire season, men in West Coast camps and in special service units may also become eligible for assignment to possible additional openings later on in the experiment. Men who wish to participate in this project are urged to make immediate application to Mary Newman in the FCPS Office.

### RESOLUTION BEFORE CONGRESS URGES UNIVERSAL ABOLITION OF PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION

"The greatest single act of statesmanship that could be accomplished in the immediate present," would be the elimination of peacetime conscription as a policy of nations, is the assertion of a resolution introduced in Congress early this week by House Republican leader Martin of Mass. The resolution proposes that before the U.S. adopts compulsory military service the Government seek at international agreement abolishing all such peacetime training. In urging the President, Secretary of State and the American representative in the United Nations organization to work unceasingly for the end of compulsory training, the statement explains: "If a mutual understanding can be reached between nations and people that the policy of gigantic systems of universal compulsory military service should be eliminated, it

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### MORE LIGHT GIVEN ON SSS DISCHARGE POLICY UNDER PENDING WINSTEAD BILL

Continued approval of discharges for medical reasons and to the armed forces this week gave evidence of how Selective Service is interpreting the Winstead Bill. According to Congressional procedure, the presence of this measure on the calendar prevents SSS from taking action contrary to it. There is no evidence so far which indicates that SSS interpretation of the bill will cause a change in the established policy of discharges on dependency and occupational grounds and for overage.

### JOHN BYAS, JR.

Last Friday evening, John Byas, a CPS man from Elkton, went to see a doctor, left a note indicating suicidal intent and disappeared. On Tuesday of this week his body was recovered from a river in Portland. Before going to the doctor, John had received word that final action on his pending medical discharge was expected the next day. John was 30 years old and had been in CPS nearly two years. He entered at Big Flats in Sept. 1943, transferred to the High Altitude Experiment at Welfare Island, N.Y., in March 1944, and then moved to Elkton last August. Before he was drafted, John had completed his second year of graduate work in Law at Howard University, where he was also assistant law librarian. While in CPS, John continued his study of Law as well as the serious pursuit of his chief avocation—musical composition. It was in composing music—at the piano, as many CPS men will remember—that John found his greatest happiness. Last year from New York City after a promising contact with a musical publisher, he wrote: "For the first time in my life, I am getting an opportunity to do a thing long dreamed of—get my music before the public." Besides an outlet for his music, John found something else while in CPS. He expressed it this way on one occasion, "For the first time in my life I have found a place where there is no racial discrimination. I don't see how I can ever again live in the South." John's death is the first suicide in CPS and the 20th death.

### INFORMATION TO ANNOUNCE JOBS

Because there are a number of readers of this news service—both in CPS and discharged—who are looking for employment now and for the future, Information will carry brief announcements of job opportunities. This week the FPCS Personnel Office reports these openings: English Teacher, 9-12 grades. Experience not necessary but desirable. One-year substitute job. If successful, good possibility for longer period. Applications should be made in next 4-6 weeks. Unmarried C.O. preferable. Write George Walton, George School, Pa. Co-op Store, Retail Manager, write Paul Johnson, 3959 Fifteenth Ave., N.E., Seattle 5, Wash. Co-operative Hatchery, Paul Turner at Wayne County Farm Bureau Cooperative Ass'n., P.O. Box 237, Richmond, Ind. would like to hear from persons interested in working in a co-op hatchery with idea of learning the business and probably working into management job, Social Workers, Etc. Opportunities in the Youngstown Settlements for men and women interested in working with low-income families, both Negro and white. Club work, athletics, woodwork, household crafts, civic interests, social activities, etc. Write Hubert J. Welkart, Lexington Settlement, 755 Lexington Ave., Youngstown, Ohio. Teachers: Chemistry and General Science, 7th and 8th grade social studies—the latter to assist with physical education. Two vacancies at Friends School in Baltimore. Write Bliss Forbush at Crab Tree Beck, Charmian, Pa.

### TO C.O.'S IN PRISON

Men who wish to have Jim Mullin of the AFSC Prison Service Committee take greetings to their friends in Millpoint and Ashland, should send word to Jim care of the warden at Millpoint by July 31; to Ventura Hotel, Ashland by August 3.

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#### AFSC-CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The recommendations of the Interim Committee for changes in the CPS program in line with the AFSC-CPS Experience Report, and the effects of the Winstead Bill on demobilization and foreign service are the major items scheduled for the agenda of the CPS (Executive) Committee when it meets in Phila. on August 10. Ogden Hannaford, interim assignee-representative from Trenton who has been preparing for the pre-meeting sessions of the representatives, reports that to date these assignee members of the CPS Committee have stated they will attend the meeting next week: Henry Hall representing Phila. State Hosp. and Phila. Jaundice units; Brooke Morgan of Orlando, representing public health and "guinea pig" units; and Harold Ziegler representing Coleville.

#### AFSC-CPS REPORT GOES INTO RECORD

Senator Thomas, chairman of the Senate Military Affairs Committee, last week read a summary of the AFSC-CPS Experience Report, featuring the recommendations for changes in the current program, into Record. A handy 4-page reprint of the Record summary will be available shortly for use in the interpretation of C.O.'s to the public, to officials, and to members of Congress.

#### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

This week the FCPS Personnel Office announced that the following jobs are available to CPS men.

Country Newspaper: Editors of a country weekly newspaper want someone to join staff who will be interested in settling in community and taking over increasing responsibility for paper. Work will provide good living and an opportunity to influence the growth of community. Newspaper experience not necessary. College education and Friends background preferred. Write to Mabel N. Lybolt, The Blue Ridge Herald, Herald Building, Purcellville, Va.

Teacher: Asst. in Math. Dept. of Westtown School and supervise Jr. H.S. boys. Write to James Walker, Principal of Westtown School, Westtown, Pa.

Farming in So. Carolina: Couple want single man to work farm for shares and salary. Write to Agnes C. Vincent, R.R. 1, Florence, S.C.

Farming in Indiana: Place for a CPS couple with farm experience to share house with owner (a former teacher) and work 80-acre farm. Prefer man with liberal education, some training in soil conservation and "a love of the land as a way of life." Write to Mrs. A.W. Mathew, The Lost Eighty, Rt. 6, Bloomington, Ind.

FOR in Chicago: Executive secretary needed; salary \$1500-\$1800. Write to Rev. William Lovell, South Congregational Church, Drexel Blvd. & 40th St., Chicago, Ill.

Friends Minister: is needed for Wessington Springs Meeting, South Dakota. Write to Rev. Martin Williamson, Vale, S.D.

#### SECOND METHODIST CONFERENCE OF CO'S

The second conference of Methodist CPS men and other C.O.'s in the Eastern area will be held in New York City at the Washington Square Methodist Church on October 13 and 14. The tentative subject for the meeting centers about the application of the principles of Christian pacifism to vocational choices and to all phases of post-war citizenship. Methodist leaders in personnel, social service, education and peace will attend the conference. CPS men, C.O.'s from prison and L.A.O.'s--whether members of the Methodist Church or not--are welcome to the meeting. For further details write to Grever Hartman, 2815 Grand Concourse, New York, 15, N.Y.

NEW A.D., EDSEC. & EDPERSEC. Allen Jones is assistant director of Coleville; Roland Ilikick is educational secretary at Pownal; Daniel Allen is both educational secretary and personnel secretary at Brattleboro.

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### SEEK HELP TO COMPLETE MHP DOCUMENTARY BOOK ON MENTAL INSTITUTIONS

An appeal for assistance to complete one of the most important documentary stories about public institutions to be given to the American people, was made this week by the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS, with the approach of CPS demobilization now imminent. Published in book form for popular consumption, this story of the current situation in mental institutions will not attempt to apply the specific weaknesses of the whole system with their set forth specific recommendations for overcoming these problems. All CPS men who are or have been working in mental institutions are asked to submit information at once to the MHP of CPS, describing the needs of institutions in terms of actual incidents occurring on wards which show the lack of proper personnel, food, material comforts for patients, improper living and working conditions for attendants, etc.

### DISCUSS POSSIBLE CHANGES IN CPS WITH SEL. SERVICE

Representatives of AFSC, BSC, MCC, and NABRO met with General Hershey and Col. Kosch on Wednesday for a preliminary discussion of changes which may be made in the CPS program this fall in light of impending demobilization and the possibility of closing some camps and opening new special service projects. The meeting was in line with the recommendations of the AFSC-CPS Interim Committee that "a new and vigorous attempt be made to secure necessary changes in the CPS program".

It was clear that Selective Service does not feel that CPS demobilization should long be delayed and that SSS looks forward to making some definite moves in this direction promptly after the return of Congress. Although appreciating the values of special service projects, especially in relation to the importance of the work and the comparatively low costs, SSS pointed out that pressure from labor unions, because CPS was competing with paid labor, would probably limit special project expansion and may force the closing of some projects and the return of some men to base camps. "Guinea pig" projects of the OSRD type were cited by SSS as 1) not offering competition to paid labor and 2) as being productive of desirable public relations. In this conjunction, the AFSC welcomes suggestions from men in camps and units of specific projects which have these two features. Adm. relationships between hospitals, SSS and the agencies was discussed.

### DEMOLIBILIZATION COMMITTEE MEETS

A meeting of the Interagency Demobilization Committee in Phila. this week brought out the facts that 1) the IDC Job Bulletin, which lists job opportunities for CPS men, has resumed publication; 2) SSS has discontinued work on the CPS demobilization cards; 3) local C.O. demobilization aid committees throughout the country are making definite plans and taking action to meet the needs of returning C.O.'s for "a job, money, and help in once again becoming part of the community". The IDC meeting gave special consideration to 1) more effective ways to assist C.O.'s in prison and in Government CPS camps; 2) the importance of C.O.'s going into the fields of social service, government, labor, and religion; 3) ways and means of providing education and work opportunities for all men, regardless of affiliation, who are interested in world-community service. For details write Personnel Office.

### AFSC VIEWPOINT ON ALTERNATIVE SERVICE

The viewpoint of the AFSC on future alternatives to military service, namely, "complete opposition to conscription for military purposes" without consideration of plans for alternative service, has been represented by Paul Furnas at recent meetings of church and pacifist organizations considering this subject. Following a meeting of this group in Phila. on Tuesday he reports 1) that no political action is being sought on any proposals at present and 2) efforts toward alternative service have been slowed up recently in light of the lack of popular support for peacetime conscription.

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## NEWS

### CPS WEATHER FORECAST: CLOUDY AND UNSETTLED

The declaration of peace this week promptly raised questions about CPS in the minds of everyone participating in the program--assignees, supporting constituencies, religious agencies, Selective Service, project supervisors, hospital superintendents, etc. With the end of the holidays for government offices, it is possible to begin work with officials on the answers to the problems of demobilization and replacements. Representatives of the religious agencies have begun discussion of specific recommendations regarding those questions with SSS and the technical agencies. The implications of the present situation for the AFSC will be considered at a meeting of the FCPS Interim Committee in a few days. Men in camps and units will be informed of demobilization policies and procedures as they are worked out. It will be recalled that several weeks ago SSS stated that it intended to discharge all CPS men within six months of the termination of hostilities as determined by the President or Congress. On August 10th, SSS indicated to representatives of the religious agencies that it did not feel that CPS demobilization should long be delayed and that it looked forward to making some definite moves in this direction promptly after the return of Congress. However, just what the effect of the recent sudden turn of events or future Congressional action--such as the Winstead Bill--will have on CPS demobilization is not clear.

### SPEED EFFORT TO PREVENT FURTHER DISCRIMINATION AGAINST DRAFTED C.O.'S

Following the announcement that Congress will reconvene on September 5, the AFSC has accelerated its effort to get Friends and other persons who are deeply concerned about the trend of Congressional sentiment against C.O.'s to visit senators and representatives during the balance of the recess. Prompt action is necessary if members of Congress are to return to Washington with a far more adequate understanding of the experience of C.O.'s during this war, including knowledge of serious injustices in their treatment. Those close to the legislative scene feel that unless the trend in Congress changes, the present discriminations against C.O.'s may extend to the point where they determine how and when C.O.'s will be demobilized (e.g. the Winstead Bill). To assist in a more effective interpretation of C.O.'s to members of Congress, the AFSC has secured reprints of the digest of the AFSC-CPS Experience Report recently read into the Congressional Record. Copies of this reprint are also being sent to all FCPS camps and units.

### NEW "COMPASS" IS PUBLISHED

Another number of The Compass ("An instrument of direction toward peaceful living") is now available. The new Art and Literary Issue "attempts to establish wider community with a world more than ever in need of creativity" through the contributions of more than 35 writers and artists in and out of CPS. This 54-page double-issue contains editorials, essays, short stories, poetry, music and book reviews, and is richly illustrated with photographs and drawings--some in color. Individual copies available at 35¢ from The Compass, Waldport, Oregon.

### JOB OPPORTUNITIES

This week the FCPS Personnel Office reports that the following jobs are available to men in CPS and discharged:

Science Teacher: Needed at Windsor Mountain School, a progressive, boarding school at Lenox, Mass. Write Dr. and Mrs. Max Bondy, directors.

Teachers: Of Sociology, Economics, History and Political Science, and Visual Education are needed at Le Moyn College, Memphis, Tenn. An opportunity for pacifists--

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## NEWS

### LET THE PRESIDENT KNOW

From reliable sources it was learned late today that within two weeks, President Truman plans to place the responsibility upon Congress to enact legislation which would provide for the equivalent of peacetime conscription. Since the proposed program—although compulsory—would permit choices, it is not considered "conscription"; and it is not termed "military" since it is not necessarily full-time military training away from home and job. Specifically, the proposal requires that a man take either 1) four years of ROTC in high school or college, or 2) the equivalent time with the National Guard. If he fails to take either 1) or 2) by his 23rd birthday, he is automatically drafted into the army or navy for a year's full-time training. Despite political talk of peacetime conscription being a dead issue, it is now clearly evident that efforts to develop a military mind in America and to maintain a military caste—the underlying purposes of the advocates of peacetime conscription—are very much alive. It is reported to be crucially important that if the President is to reconsider his proposal, he must receive immediate and clear-cut expressions of judgment from all who are opposed to any peacetime conscription.

### CPS DEMOBILIZATION

Although the general question of CPS demobilization continued in an unsettled state this week pending decisions by Congress and/or the President, the specific intent of various CPS administrative bodies was clearly outlined and several definite steps taken to adjust the CPS program for demobilization. As a result of a conference last Friday between SSS and AFSC representatives, it became clear that CPS demobilization might take any one of three courses: 1) if there is a formal declaration of the end of hostilities, without Congress enacting legislation continuing the provisions of the Selective Training and Service Act or any restricting measures such as the Winstead Bill, then SSS will be liquidated in six months and CPS demobilized within that period; 2) if the Selective Training and Service Act is continued—with or without a formal end of hostilities—and no legislation restricting CPS demobilization is passed, then SSS plans to demobilize CPS according to its original plan at the same rate as that of the armed forces; 3) if the first two courses are closed, then SSS will continue CPS as long as there is legislative provision for it.

The first course does not seem likely in view of the President's decision this week not to declare an end to hostilities "for some time" and his expressed hope that Congress will "go slow in bringing about an orderly termination of the war". However, it is possible that public protest may reopen this channel. This week a North Carolina draft board resigned in protest against further inductions; and in Idaho, a draft board refused to induct any more men "until Congress clarifies the situation on the draft". The second course awaits the decision of Congress on the Winstead Bill or any comparable legislation. Here again pressure from the outside may be a determining factor. This week, the Nebraska American Legion was the first of several veterans' posts to send a resolution urging Congress to "prevent the release of C.O.'s for a period of at least six months following discharge of the last combat soldier."

A meeting of the AFSC-CPS Interim Committee has been called for August 28 to consider the implications of the third course in light of the stated opposition of the AFSC to peacetime conscription. The executive camp directors and the board of directors of the NSBRO are meeting on Friday and Saturday of this week to consider the entire question of CPS demobilization for the first time since the declaration of peace. In the meanwhile, the AFSC has announced the discontinuance of Big Flats as a reception center as of September 1st. SSS has directed CPS camps to return to a 44-hour week—without the Saturday turnback, and has eliminated the need for approval by local boards and state directors in the case of discharges on hardship grounds.

ED. NOTE: POSTPONED TO NEXT ISSUE—REPORT OF NEW CONTRIBUTIONS BY CO'S TO MEDICAL SCIENCE



# INFORMATION

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NEWS

## C.O.'S HELP IN NEW MEDICAL DEVELOPMENTS

Conscientious objectors are serving as human "guinea pigs" and as research technicians in three significant developments in medical science: 1) experimental evidence that a virus disease may be contracted through drinking water; 2) demonstration that one of the diseases spread in this manner is Infectious Hepatitis (Jaundice); and 3) large-scale tests of the effectiveness of DDT insecticide in destroying carrier flies as a means of controlling or preventing epidemics of Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis).

According to The Journal of the Am. Medical Assn., human guinea pigs are used in Jaundice experiments because they are the only means of determining the presence of the virus of this disease. Members of the Phila. Jaundice Unit (CPS #140) drank infected water, blood serum, nose and throat washings and material from body wastes of Hepatitis patients, in the course of tests to learn how the virus of this disease spreads. The investigation, which is under the direction of the Office of the Surgeon General, points to the need for changes in methods of disinfecting water if the virus of Hepatitis is to be destroyed.

Back of recent newspaper stories about spraying DDT over large areas of cities stricken with Infantile Paralysis, is the work of eight members of CPS #140 in New Haven, Conn.—three men serving in the research laboratory of the Yale Poliomyelitis Study Unit and five men heading up the "Fly Abatement Unit" of the Neurotropic Virus Commission operating in conjunction with the Study Unit. The "lab" men run tests, attend the experimental animals, prepare inoculations containing Polio virus, and identify fly carriers of the disease. The fly abatement crew operates a unit of motor trucks equipped with power sprayers which force DDT vapor across the entire width of a city block. Fly traps are also maintained by this unit to determine the effect of DDT on the fly population. The results of this experiment in four communities are being studied and if changes in the spread of Polio are demonstrated, another major step will have been taken in controlling or preventing epidemics of this dread disease.

## WARREN DUGAN

Last Friday, a CPS man assisting in research work on Polio in the Yale University medical laboratory, reported to the doctor in charge that he was not feeling well. That night he was hospitalized and two days later died of Acute Poliomyelitis.

Warren Dugan was a skilled laboratory technician, having a M.S. degree and professional experience in a research laboratory. Because "he demonstrated his ability as a careful and conscientious worker," the medical director assigned him the task of preparing the fluids containing Polio virus for inoculation into experimental animals. His contraction of the disease was presumably a result of this close contact with the virus. The medical director whom Warren was assisting "regarded him as a young scientist of high ideals and ability". And the asst. director of his CPS Unit, a fellow assignee, wrote Information, "the very real aid which Warren Dugan has been in carrying on this battle against Polio is one of the better stories of CPS work. I know of no better example of the pacifist answer to the militarist than the story of Warren Dugan's work and sacrifice.. He did in reality lay down his life that others might live."

## IN BRIEF

The AFSC Interim Committee met Tuesday and considered 1) how long the AFSC should continue to participate in CPS; 2) the continued acceptance of newly drafted assignees; and 3) possible recommendations for use of the "frozen funds". On Friday, AFSC representatives discussed the conclusions of the Interim Committee with SSS. Consult camp or unit director for details... Effective Sept. 9—in all-base camps, a 40-hour work week with two 2-day weekend leaves per month.

USE ENCLOSED CONGRESSIONAL RECORD REPRINT TO HELP EDUCATE CONGRESS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS ABOUT C.O.'S. MORE REPRINTS AVAILABLE IN FRANKED ENVELOPES. WRITE AFSC-CPS OFFICE.

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## NEWS

**PROJECT STUDY** With the end of the war, and demobilization in sight, it is more important than ever that we get as complete as possible a report of the Study on Projects and Incentives. This information is essential in arriving at a recommendation on the order of closing camps and units. From most camps and units there has been an excellent response, the information coming in is very valuable and will provide a most interesting report. The Committee is planning to prepare a preliminary report for the next Executive Committee Meeting and would like as much material as possible. Has your camp or unit gotten in its' report?

**"ANY-BODY GOT A HOME?"** Twenty-five men, twelve wives, and several children from the F-CPS Public Health Unit at Orlando, Florida, are asking this question as they are looking for new quarters for their unit. Reason: present place has been sold, and they must vacate by November 1st. It is hoped the unit can stay together and continue in their present project. The CPS staff and the unit are attempting to secure housing in or near Orlando.

**NEW A.D. EDSEC.** Barry Hollister is assistant director at Welfare Island, Life Raft; Howard McGaw is educational secretary at Orlando; Edwin Stephenson is personnel secretary at Orlando; and John Musgrave is both educational secretary and personnel secretary at Concord.

**JOB OPPORTUNITIES** These jobs are reported this week as available to men who are in CPS or who have been discharged.

**Executive Secretary of Philadelphia Young Friends Movement:** Young person of leadership and organizational abilities, who is thoroughly familiar with Friends' beliefs and ideals. Must work with many committees and groups of young people, should be able to perceive leadership potentialities in others and draw them out, organize and coordinate activities, and be able to provide inspiration and motivation. Experience through leadership in Friends groups or other religious bodies, work camps, social service and relief work, and office work valuable. Address inquiries to Young Friends Movement, 1515 Cherry Street, Philadelphia 2, Pennsylvania.

**Assistant Comptroller:** Young man with accounting background, interested in the work of the Service Committee, as well as able to do the job well from the technical point, to spend his time on Foreign Service accounts and take full charge of the accounts when the Comptroller is in the field.

**4 Finance Secretaries:** To act as Finance Secretary and Service Committee interpreters. Two to work out of Philadelphia, one out of the Chicago office, and the other from San Francisco. Require knowledge of the Society of Friends and the work of the AFSC. Write Dave McClelland, AFSC Personnel Office regarding both above positions.

**2 Assistants to Harpsichord & Clavichord Maker:** Some experience in woodworking. Prefer single men discharged from CPS. Write John Challis, 104 West Michigan Avenue, Ypsilanti, Michigan, giving description of self.

**Teacher of Studies in Religion:** One well schooled in religious studies, especially the Bible, philosophy and history, with a faith and desire to cooperate in all phases of boarding school life. Apply to George A. Walton, Principal, George School, Penna.

**Library Assistant:** Man or woman to work evenings, care and filing of records. Library training is not necessary. Contact Miss Anna Prentice, New York School of Social Work, 122 East 22nd Street, New York 10, N.Y.

**GOING SOUTH?** Mrs. Peter Barry of Pine Mountain School, Kentucky, who is driving three children to Pine Mountain on or about October 1st, has room for another passenger in her car. Address inquiries to Mrs. Barry at 415 Lancaster Ave., Haverford, Penna.

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## NEWS

### AMNESTY FOR IMPRISONED CO'S

A request for amnesty for more than 5,000 C.O.'s sentenced to prison for violations of the Selective Service Act because of their religious humanitarian, or political convictions, was made to Attorney General Clark. Making the plea were Norman Thomas, of the Post War World Council; A.J. Muste, of the F.O.R.; Hayden Covington, Counsel for the Jehovah's Witnesses; and Frieda L. Lazarus, of the W.R.L.

The delegation urged that President Truman issue a general amnesty covering C.O.'s now held and that, pending the granting of an amnesty, these men be immediately paroled. It also recommended not to discriminate, but to restore to their former jobs all C.O.'s who desire such reinstatement as Civil Service employees.

### PUBLIC EDUCATION

Pacifists and non-pacifists have responded very well in an effort to help educate the public, so they can more effectively interpret C.O.'s to Congressmen. The entire supply of 20,000 reprints of the Congressional Record containing the Four-year FPS Experience Report (including the recommendation for basic changes in the C.O. program) has been exhausted. An additional 10,000 reprints have been ordered to take care of present requests.

### NO TRANSFERS TO THESE UNITS

In a recent memo to personnel secretaries, it has been announced that no more transfers would be authorized to the following units: CPS #26, Alexian Brothers' Hospital, Chicago, Ill.; CPS #61, Duke University Hospital, Durham, N.C. and Highland Hospital, Asheville, N.C.; CPS #50, Presbyterian Hospital, New York City; CPS #78, Psychopathic Hospital, Denver, Colorado. This is due to the fact that a labor shortage no longer exists in these areas.

### CORRECTION

Since last week's issue of Information carried the announcement that the hospital unit at Columbus, Ohio, faced a reduction, we have received a memo stating that the State of Ohio had withdrawn its request for the removal of CPS men from the unit on the ground that they now find labor is not available.

### NEW OPENINGS IN SPECIAL SERVICE

The Personnel Office announces the following new projects and fall openings: Welfare Island, Frostbite and Immersion Foot, October 15th, 4 men (see Per. News #69); Welfare Island, Life Raft, October 22nd, approximately 8 or 10 men; New Haven Jaundice, October 1st, approximately 15 men; Phila. Jaundice, men almost continually wanted to replace men as they finish their medical work.

### COLLEGE STUDY

Four ex-CPS men have recently received grants-in-aid from one Friends College and three non-Friends schools, to continue their education. Three of the men are under-graduates, and the other a graduate. Men who want latest information on grants-in-aid for post-CPS study either in college or vocational training, should ask their Education Secretary or Personnel Secretary for Ed. Sec. News Letter #44 and accompanying material. Additional copies are available from the CPS Education Office in Philadelphia.

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### NEWS

#### TO BEGIN RELEASE OF MEN 38 AND 2-YEAR MEN 35; OTHERS LATER FOR SERVICE DEPENDENCY AND HARDSHIP

Out of a conference Friday between Col. Kosch, Paul French, Congressmen Winstead, Kilday and Sparkman, came an agreement that Selective Service would proceed with a "systematic release of conscientious objectors from Civilian Public Service camps and units on a basis of age, length of service, dependency and hardship". The immediate significance of this agreement was stated by the AFSC in a telegram received in all FCPS camps and units on Saturday. YESTERDAY WINSTEAD AGREED TO WITHDRAW HIS BILL. SELECTIVE SERVICE WILL DISCHARGE PROMPTLY ALL MEN WHO BY SEPTEMBER SECOND WERE 38 OR WERE 35 WITH TWO YEARS OF SERVICE COMPLETED. SELECTIVE SERVICE WORKING OUT SOME PROCEDURE FOR RELEASE OF ALL OTHER CPS MEN WITH CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO AGE, DEPENDENCY, HARDSHIP AND LENGTH OF SERVICE...

On Monday the HSBAC will begin mailing forms to all camp directors and unit assistant directors which are to be filled out in conjunction with the final physical examination of all men over 38 and men between 35 and 38 who have had two years of service. In the meantime, SSS is preparing lists of names based on length of service, hardship and dependency to whom the necessary physical examination forms will be sent.

The decision to begin the release of C.O.'s followed by three days a very brief "consideration" of the Winstead Bill by the House. On Tuesday, this measure was called up before the House, but it received the necessary single objection (from Representative Barden of N. Carolina) to keep it from passing on the unanimous consent calendar.

#### AFSC-CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE TO MEET

The agenda for the FCPS Executive Committee meeting in Phila. on Sept. 28 includes the recommendations of the FCPS Interim Committee on 1) how long the AFSC should continue to participate in CPS; 2) the continued acceptance of new assignees; and 3) possible uses of the "frozen fund". Other likely topics are the current announcement of the release of CPS men, demobilization plans of the AFSC-CPS, and the financing of the FCPS program for the balance of its operation.. CPS men are invited to attend the meetings of the Peace, Social-Industrial, and Foreign Service sections of the AFSC, also being held this next weekend.

#### SIGNS OF THE TIMES

The AFSC is studying the need for considerable expansion of its high school-age institute and work camp program, and for increasing the number and duration of its voluntary service opportunities for men and women 17 to 20. One result of this study may be to provide qualified men coming of draft age with service outlets for which Local Boards might be willing to give them deferment.

#### I-N-T-E-R-O-D-U-C-I-N-G...

As the first of a proposed series of pamphlets on alternative service during World War II, the AFSC-CPS has just published a factual account of the background of CPS entitled, "An Introduction to Friends Civilian Public Service". The booklet, prepared by the FCPS Education Office, gives a brief discussion of the origins of pacifism, a history of the Mennonites, Brethren and Friends, an outline of the C.O. situation during World War I and of C.O.'s abroad in this war, as well as a detailed account of Friends CPS. Successive pamphlets may cover FCPS work projects, camp life, administrative problems, education, religion, etc. A copy of the pamphlet is available without cost to men in FCPS. A few extra copies are available at 25¢ each from the FCPS Education Office.

#### NEW AD'S & EMPERSEC

The selection of the following assistant directors is announced: #108 Gatlinburg--Ted Mattheiss; #43F Puerto Rico--Byrn Hammarstrom; #115 Welfare Is.(Malaria)--Ewart Bartholomew. The new education personnel... secretary for this last unit is Roger Craven.

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### NEWS

#### AFSC-CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

At a large public meeting attended by nearly all its members, including assignee-representatives, the Civilian Public Service Committee, today, considered and took action on matters having far-reaching effects upon the Friends CPS program.

The Committee approved the recommendation of its Interim Committee and the Board of Directors of the AFSC that Friends Civilian Public Service should be concluded within six months from the signing of the Japanese surrender. It was thought that by this date, March 2, 1946, Friends would have fulfilled their responsibilities under the Selective Service Act for administering a wartime program for C.O.'s.

The Committee agreed that the AFSC should continue to accept new assignees who wish to come into FCPS up to March 2, 1946, on the understanding that the CPS program--as far as Friends are concerned--will come to an end not later than this date.

The creation of a fund to aid men in the establishment of business, professional or farming enterprises of their own, was authorized. Men whose applications have been approved by a committee of the AFSC, will be able to make loans up to \$2,000 at 3% simple interest. Full cash collateral for each loan will be provided by the AFSC from money in hand raised for this purpose. A person with broad business experience will counsel with men applying for loans. Details regarding eligibility, procedure, etc. are being worked out. For further information write the FCPS Personnel Office.

A budget of approximately \$350,000 for the completion of the Friends CPS program was outlined and approved. The estimate of funds needed for this period calls for increased financial support if men are to be provided with necessary assistance in preparing for their release and in establishing themselves in the community outside CPS. In addition to maintenance for men until they are released or until the termination of FCPS, there is need for 1) further development of the present demobilization and counselling services in FCPS; 2) aid to dependents--if possible until the CPS man is again a means of support; 3) temporary financial assistance to discharged men who leave CPS without funds, until they are re-established in a job; and 4) supplementing the assistance provisions of some colleges and schools with scholarships and grants-in-aid to men who desire to continue their education or vocational training. It was estimated that \$150,000 will be needed from Friends Meetings during this six-months period.

Americo Chiarito, an assignee elected by the Elktion camp as its representative, was invited to participate in the meeting. However, he was not recognized as an official representative and member of the Committee, since he was not considered a member of Friends CPS. The decision was based on the fact that refusal to work on project invalidates membership in Friends CPS. (Editor's note: additional information on this point will be found in the official minutes of this meeting, in a memorandum from the FCPS Office, and in the report of the meeting by the assignee-representatives. Copies of these papers will be available in all FCPS camps and units next week.)

A preliminary interpretation of some of the findings of the Committee on Projects and Incentives was heard. The report is complete except for documentary information from two units--Ames and Wooster. The prompt completion and effective use of this revealing and far-reaching material was indicated.

The Committee was informed of AFSC efforts to develop service opportunities for men coming of draft age for which Local Board may be willing to give deferment.

#### NEW DIRECTOR

Steve Cary, director of Big Flats, has been appointed director of Elktion to succeed Dan Wilson, who has resigned. Bill Huntington, assistant director, is serving as director of Big Flats, pending the selection of a new director.

#### CORRECTION

"An Introduction to Friends CPS" is free to non-assignees, while copies last

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# INFORMATION

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## NEWS

### FOR SYSTEMATIC RELEASE

Despite a plethora of rumors this week about progress and delay in the "systematic release" of CPS men, only a few facts could be established. 1) Four assignees (not in FCPS) are known to have been discharged for over-age. 2) No applications for the release of men 39 and older have been turned down since the "systematic release" procedure was inaugurated last week. 3) Final papers for only about half the men in the first group scheduled for release (39 and older) have been received at NSBRO or at religious agency offices. 4) Representative Winstead has not withdrawn his bill pertaining to C.O. demobilization and it will continue to come before the House on the unanimous consent calendar unless efforts to secure its withdrawal or removal are successful. 5) Reports that the release of CPS men was being postponed until after the national convention of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (Oct. 2-4) and the American Legion in Nov., were countered with further reports and rumors.

Meanwhile, it is understood that SSS looks forward to the closing of a number of camps at an early date and is discussing personnel and considering plans for taking over FCPS camps and units at least by March 2, 1946. Evidence that the FCPS staff appreciates the large amount of uncertainty in the systematic release of assignees and that men in FCPS camps and units should be prepared for anything now that the AFSC has announced its decision to terminate FCPS on March 2, 1946, is found in the postscript of a memorandum issued this week: "Anything in the above memorandum that seems to imply that anything is definite is purely co-incidental!"

### PRESBYTERIAN TO CLOSE: CONN. JAUNDICE REDUCED

The New Haven (Conn.) Jaundice Unit will be reduced in number from 31 to 14 men on Nov. 1, 1945, and the Presbyterian Hospital Unit (N.Y.C.) will be closed by Dec. 1, 1945. Sponsors of the Jaundice project have informed the AFSC that sufficient progress has been made on the major research problems for which the unit was established, so that only 14 men will be needed for the balance of the work. This group will be made up of present members of the unit, who will be used for further investigation of the problems of immunity and re-infection. A returning supply of labor is reported by the administration of the Presbyterian Hospital to be the reason for closing this unit of 18 men. During Oct. and Nov., two men a week will be transferred to vacancies in camps or units.

### CPS MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM PROGRESSES TOWARD ESTABLISHING NATIONAL HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Several steps toward the development of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS into a permanent, national mental health organization were reported this week, at the same time that the leaders of the MHP appealed to all CPS men working in mental institutions to submit letters before release from CPS describing conditions observed and experienced.

In addition to moves to incorporate the new organization and the acquisition of a building in downtown Phila. as headquarters, the MHP announces that Eleanor Roosevelt has agreed to be a sponsor of the program. Following a 40-minute discussion with Mrs. Roosevelt last week, members of the MHP Central Committee reported that she will call together several prominent persons in the fields of labor, management, agriculture, newspapers, radio, motion pictures, etc., in an effort to secure additional sponsoring assistants from these areas of American life.

The work and the documentary reports of individual CPS men serving in mental institutions throughout the country continue to be the most important single factor in this improvement program, the Central Committee points out. Because of the imminence of the systematic release of CPS men, the Committee is asking for the prompt submission of factual information, together with specific recommendations for improvement. Some 500 letters have been received from 2000 CPS men in these institutions.

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## NEWS

### "ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY"

Newspapers throughout the country this week gave prominent position to a picture and story of the first conscientious objector to be awarded the country's highest wartime honor, the Congressional Medal. Today at the White House, President Truman presented the medal to 26-year-old Desmond Doss, twice-wounded medical aid man, who performed so many feats of heroism on the battlefields of the Pacific that "his name became legendary for self-abnegation, sacrifice and the sheerest kind of courage". The 1500-word press release of the War Dept., upon which the newspaper stories were based, reports the official citation of the amazing actions performed by Doss and quotes his commanding general: "Private Doss was, and still is, a conscientious objector. He refused to carry arms or even touch a weapon... he was made company aid man because he wanted to be forward with the men... his unflinching devotion to duty and his gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life... has gained the respect, admiration and affection of the entire division." The feeling of a number of C.O.'s throughout the country was probably expressed by a CPS man who wrote Doss, "When one conscientious objector is honored, all the other conscientious objectors rejoice with him."

### IT'S HAPPENED!

The first men were discharged this week from FCPS under the "systematic release" procedure. The four discharged men, who are 39 years of age or older and have been in CPS for at least two years are:

Aaron Orange	CPS #46, Big Flats;	ago 40;	entered CPS 4/43
Donald Robinson	" #140, F.S. Research;	" 40;	" 8/42
James Parloe	" #46, Big Flats;	" 39;	" 6/43
Ernest Powers	" #108, Gatlinburg;	" 42;	" 10/42

In discussions with representatives of the religious agencies this week, Selective Service indicated that no "system" for the release of CPS men would be announced, but that discharges were proceeding "on the basis of age, length of service, dependency and hardship". It was clear that SSS is deciding the rate of releases and that its judgment in this matter is influenced by organized veterans groups. Unless there is some change in procedure, it now appears that men 35 to 38 with two years of service will not be released immediately, but will probably be discharged by Dec. 31. The AFSC strongly represented to SSS--and continues to hold--that the basis of discharge, since the termination of hostilities, has changed and that all drafted men should be discharged as rapidly as this can be expedited.

In response to a proposal from an assignee-representative on the AFSC-CPS Committee that CPS men be granted a separation allowance and issued cash in lieu of discharge transportation, a SSS official expressed sympathy, but stated that it would be impossible to arrange this because of objections from the Bureau of the Budget, Congress and organized public groups.

### NEW PROJECT RELATES TO PUBLIC AND RELIEF FOOD PROCESSING AND STORAGE

A medical experiment seeking information of vital importance to people subsisting on packaged and stored food, will get under way in a New York City hospital next month using C.O.'s as "human guinea pigs". Six men--five as diet subjects and one as chemist--will work with the Nutrition Foundation for two to three months in an effort to learn more about folic acid, a recently identified member of the vitamin B-complex which is easily destroyed during food processing and storage. Since folic acid is required for white and red blood cell formation and for the maintenance of protection against intestinal infection, this experiment may be of far-reaching significance to the American public, which includes a large percentage of processed and stored in its diet, and in determining food shipments to areas of starvation and malnutrition.... Volunteers are still need for this experiment. See AFSC memo P-71.

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## NEWS

### SYSTEMATIC RELEASE SCHEDULE FOR RELEASE CPS GROUPS ANNOUNCED

This week began inauspiciously with press reports that Selective Service was planning to release 400 C.O.'s--less than 2% of CPS--by the end of the year, while 50% of the U.S. Army, 33% of the U.S. Navy, and 100% of the German and Japanese war-drafted personnel would be demobilized. However, by the end of the week announcement had been made of 1) an acceleration of C.O. releases; 2) a schedule of discharges for three groups of CPS men, including 4-year men; 3) a decision to begin to close camps and to transfer men from the West to the East. In the meantime, actual progress this week in the systematic release of men from FCPS was measured by the discharge of the following 11 men. (Last week four men were discharged.)

Roy Thurman	.....	CPS #94, Trenton	.....	Age 40	..	Entered 10/42
Albert Slade	.....	" #76, Glendora	.....	" 41	..	" 10/42
Vincent Schwoyer	.....	" #94, Trenton	.....	" 40	..	" 5/43
Robert Starbuck	.....	" #	.....	" 39	..	" 6/41
Herschel Brauer	.....	" #59, Elkton	.....	" 39	..	" 3/43
Bernard Dollen	.....	" #	.....	" 40	..	" 8/43
Lloyd Harrison	.....	" #76, Glendora	.....	" 39	..	" 4/42
Raymond Metin	.....	" #94, Trenton	.....	" 39	..	" 10/43
Frank McGuire	.....	" #76, Glendora	.....	" 39	..	" 1/43
Leo Ostrenga	.....	" #94, Trenton	.....	" 39	..	" 9/42
Wilson Whitman	.....	" #76, Glendora	.....	" 39	..	" 10/42

The final physical examinations for men 35 to 38 with two years of service as of Oct. 20 are scheduled to begin on that date, with release expected by Nov. 30. Married men with four years of service as of Nov. 1, begin their examinations on that date; unmarried men with four years of service by Nov. 20, begin their examinations on that date. Both 4-year groups may expect release by Christmas. Elkton is to be one of the first camps closed. SSS has recommended termination of this project on Dec. 15 to the Dept. of the Interior, which has informed the local technical agency.

### 80 MEN NEEDED IN 6 SERVICE UNITS

The following vacancies are reported in special service units. In some instances the openings include replacements needed. TRAINING SCHOOLS: New Lisbon-3; Stockley-5; Laurel-1. MENTAL HOSPITALS: Phila. State-3; Lyons, N.J.-60. The NSERO needs 10 men as replacements for men to be released: Accountant-1; Statistical Clerk-1; Junior Executives-3; Editor-1; File Clerk-1; Secretaries-3. Only men with less than two years' service should apply. See FCPS Memo R-73 for further details.

### NEW DIRECTORS

The selection of the following new camp and unit administrators is announced: director of Big Flats--Rod Davison; director of Coloville--Matt Thomson; asst. director of Stockley--Oscar Lindstrom. (NEWS continued on page 2)

### NOTES

GOING WEST? A CPS man driving from East to West Coast, leaving about Nov. 5, would welcome two passengers who would share expenses. Write: Robert Hungerford, Box 904, Yale Station, New Haven, Conn. \*\*\*\*\* THE FIFTH CPS RETREAT at St. Martin's House, Bernardville, N.J., will be held Nov. 3-4. Registrations should be made at once with Sheldon Smith, Box #361, Middletown, Conn. \*\*\*\*\* STAY OUT OF NEW YORK CITY OCT. 20 TO NOV. 15, unless you are sure of a prearranged place to stay, is the word of caution passed on to us by the N.Y. Friends Center Ass'n. During this period one million visitors--the families and friends of 250,000 armed forces men on shore leave--are expected to exhaust all hotel and other housing facilities. \*\*\*\*\*

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# INFORMATION

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## NEWS

### NO ACTIVE CPS OPPOSITION TO TRUMAN'S CONSCRIPTION PROPOSAL IS YET APPARENT

It remained an unanswered question this week whether CPS men concerned with their own release from conscription would actively oppose the President's announced effort to conscript all 18-year-olds or high school graduates for a year of military training. The matter did not receive serious consideration by FCPS assignee-representatives meeting in Phila. this week and there were no indications of any organized "grass roots" activity on the subject. Meanwhile, Conscription News pointed out that "Action is urgently needed. Write at once and ask others to write your Senators and Congressman opposing the President's proposal. Even if you have written already, write again."

### RELEASE OF SECOND AGE GROUP BEGINS

The discharge of men 35-38 with two years of service began this week, as the last of the 39-40 age group were being discharged. Eight men in FCPS were released for over age during this week, bringing the total of "systematic releases" from FCPS to 25. Reporting on the total CPS discharge situation, NSERO early this week stated that during the past 30 days, 21 men had been discharged for dependency-hardship, 32 for medical reasons, and 68 for over age. Penalties for AWOL or RFW do not appear to have affected discharges. Efforts are being made to secure clarification of the basis of release for dependency-hardship. Men discharged this week from FCPS for over age were:

John Hoyle . . . . .	CPS #37 . . . . .	Age 39 . . . . .	Entered 5/43
Bernard Lemann . . . . .	" #49 . . . . .	" 40 . . . . .	" 1/43
Delmar Seawright . . . . .	" #76 . . . . .	" 39 . . . . .	" 4/43
Jeremiah Edwards . . . . .	" #46 . . . . .	" 38 . . . . .	" 3/44
Theodore Haines . . . . .	" . . . . .	" 39 . . . . .	" 5/42
Raymond Buss . . . . .	" #23 . . . . .	" 39 . . . . .	" 4/42
William Huntington . . . . .	" #46 . . . . .	" 38 . . . . .	" 4/44
Joseph Edmonds . . . . .	" " . . . . .	" 38 . . . . .	" 4/43

### FRIENDS COMMITTEE SEEKS CONGRESSIONAL COOPERATION IN EARLY RELEASE OF C.O.'S

Through the Friends Committed on National Legislation continued efforts are being made to secure the cooperation of Congressmen in assuring an equitable release of CPS men.

To date, more than 100 Congressmen have been contacted by their constituents either in personal interview or by letter or wire. It is believed that this work had a direct bearing on the removal of the Winstead bill from the House Unanimous Consent Calendar last week. According to one report, 10 Congressmen stood up to register their objection to the consideration of the bill. (Only three objections are necessary to remove a measure from the Consent Calendar.) The FCNL points out that CPS men who want to assist in securing further Congressional cooperation in the release of C.O.'s, can be most effective through helping community leaders to interpret the C.O. situation to their Congressmen. The summary of the AFSC-CPS "Experience Report," which was read into the Congressional Record, continues to be one of the most useful means of presenting this matter to Congressmen. Reprint copies of this summary are available upon application to the AFSC-CPS Office.

### TRENTON "WALKOUTS" SENTENCED TO 18 YRS.

Henry Dyer, Arthur Wiser, David Newton and Warren Stutts, who "walked out" of CPS #94 during the past year, were sentenced on Oct. 19 at Minot, N.D., to 18 months in prison. Art Wiser wrote said to each that he respected his honesty and conscientiousness. He said that he was considering the long period in CPS in giving a sentence of 18 months. David Newton was given a stay of execution until Dec. 15, when his expected child will be six weeks old.

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# INFORMATION

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DEADLY PARALLEL

One of the readers of Information, a discharged CPS man, has called the attention of this news service to the following "double talk" which already cost the lives of millions. Our reader suggests that, since Congressional hearings on peacetime conscription begin next week, Nov. 8, CPS men may wish to use the following to encourage their families, friends and community leaders to register vigorous opposition with their Congressmen on this subject.

"The moral and spiritual welfare of our young people should be a consideration of prime importance....We are strong because of the courage and vigor and skill of a liberty-loving people. The latent strength of our untrained citizenry is no longer sufficient protection....The security of the nation...requires the services of virtually all able-bodied male citizens within the effective military age group..The sooner we can bring the maximum number of trained men into service, the sooner will be the victory..Universal training is the only means by which we can be prepared at the very start....The period of training could well be used to raise the physical standards of the nation's man-power...and to develop in our young men the ideals of responsible American citizenship.." President Truman - 1945.

"It is nonsense to believe that with the end of school time the state's right for supervision of its young citizens could suddenly stop. This right is a duty. The state that has no interest lets the present young generation degenerate instead of training them. In case of a coming war the entire nation would have to take up arms. millions would be driven toward the enemy with bad, insufficient or half-finished training. One must nevertheless not forget that the shortage of trained soldiers could easily lead, at the beginning of a war, to losing that war. The army educates them only to be reliable, decent members of the community, men who in the hour of need and danger will feel themselves united in loyalty with the nation will defend the freedom of their people with bravery and honor." Adolf Hitler - 1923-35.

SYSTEMATIC RELEASES

During the past week 17 men were discharged from FCPS for over age. This is the largest number to be released for this reason to date and brings the total over age discharges from FCPS to 40 or 2.5% of FCPS. Over age men released were:

	Camp	Age	Entered
Winslow Ames.....	23	38	9-44
Robert Coe.....	129	38	6-43
Herbert Murray.....	23	38	5-42
Daniel Faith.....	76	38	8-42
Otto Hunsicker.....	76	39	4-44
Oscar Johnson.....	94	38	4-44
Winfred Brown.....	76	38	6-42
Frederic Errett.....	84	36	7-42
Harold Moldenke.....	83	36	3-42

	Camp	Age	Entered
Barton Alexander.....	129	35	7-43
Ernest Fincher.....	129	35	8-42
Henry Stovall.....	84	38	5-42
(David Elihu)			
Archie Gallatin.....	124	37	7-43
Ernest Hardy.....	129	37	2-43
Richard Sprague.....	46	35	2-43
Loyde Osburn.....	59	36	1-43
Benjamin Stalvey.....	94	36	5-43

WILLIAMSBURG

Last week Dr. J. E. Barrett, Supt. of Eastern State Hosp., Williamsburg, Va., increased the night shift hours from 72 to 79. Members of the CPS Unit believed this action unnecessary and offered an alternative plan—which was rejected. Unable to accept Dr. Barrett's decision, Unit members reported to work on the basis of their alternative plan. Five were ordered to stay off the job. The AFSC considered the increase in hours unreasonable and has supported the Unit's decision not to work 79 hours. At present writing, a solution is being sought on the basis of a proposal that if the number of attendants can be raised to 55—an increase of 10 men—the night shift will be reduced from 72 to 60 hours.



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### ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FOR CPS MEN BEING DISCHARGED

The FCPS Social Service Office announced this week the establishment of "The Temporary Maintenance Fund" from which small grants will be made to discharged FCPS men and Friends discharged from any CPS camp or unit, on the basis of personal financial needs during the first month after release. This provision is an expansion of a previous arrangement for personal financial aid to men discharged on medical grounds. It is in addition to assistance already available from The Dependency Fund, the Loan Fund for establishing a business, grants-in-aid, etc. A study is being made to see if it will be financially possible to provide assistance from The Temporary Maintenance Fund to men being released from Government camps and units. A report on this is expected soon. For details about this new fund see your persec and FCPS Memo #536.

### SYSTEMATIC RELEASES. DISCHARGE 4-YEAR MEN

This week, 46 men were discharged from FCPS for over age and one man for length of service. This brings the total discharges under "systematic releases" to 87 or 5.4% of FCPS and marks the beginning of the discharge of 4-year men. Releases were:

	Camp	Age	Entered
James Morgan Read	46	37	6-43
Ellis Williams	59	37	5-43
Paul Lange	46	35	5-42
Lloyd Keeney	59	36	6-41
James Dyer	37	35	6-43
George Loveland	140	35	7-42
Victor Ward	46	36	8-43
Donald Somers	46	37	6-42
William Doxford	37	38	6-43
August Matula	76	38	5-42
Robert Pratt	37	37	2-43
Virgil Stackhouse	59	38	3-42
Walter Wright	37	35	3-43
John Yanger	81	36	6-41
Eugene Kauk	81	38	8-43
Roy Mesbitt	81	36	12-42
Paul Muehlke	81	38	5-42
Walter Pasmieski	83	37	9-42
Basil Meservo	149	36	6-43
Harlow Mills	59	36	7-43
Emlen Palmer	76	36	6-43
Henry Palsmeier	104	35	5-42
Robert Paro	76	36	6-41
David Parke	104	37	5-42
Neal Wallace	97	38	5-44

	Camp	Age	Entered
Fred Reeve	108	38	4-44
Elmo Vickers	76	35	5-42
Robert Knoblach	76	35	7-41
John Dombrowski	83	36	6-41
Frank Karlin	37	36	5-42
Robert D. Magill	76	36	11-42
Arthur S. Rutter	108	35	1-43
Roger Thorpe	76	35	3-43
Harold Dean Tuttle	108	35	9-43
Leevern Johnson	94	37	7-42
Marion D. Sahrrock	23	36	6-42
Henry V. Geiger	76	37	7-42
Lewis Rementer	37	35	9-43
Wilson Cunningham	76	37	6-41
H. G. Rickerman	76	36	7-42
Joseph Moglain	76	35	5-42
W. L. Moore	100	36	5-42
Lloyd Frankenberg	108	38	7-43
Lewis Arney	76	39	3-42
Albert Weaver	108	36	5-42
Raymond Batcheller	59	37	9-43
William Alders	59	37	12-42
William Cleveland	108	35	8-43
Frederick Drake	108	36	1-43
William H. Cooper	34	29	8-41
C. Delisle Crawford	34	36	6-42

### WILLIAMSBURG: UNSETTLED

The situation created recently at Eastern State Hosp., Williamsburg, Va., when Supt. J.E. Barrett sought to increase night shift hours from 72 to 79 per week, remained unsettled at the end of this week. Meanwhile, members of the CPS unit are continuing to work a 72-hour night shift. The AFSC is waiting written confirmation of an understanding that an increase of the number of attendants to 55 will result in a reduction of the night shift to 60 hours, before it undertakes to recruit the 14 additional men needed. Local public opinion reflected in newspapers is favorable to the efforts of the Unit to keep hours down.

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### NEWS

#### EXPAND SERVICE PROGRAM IN PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

Although AFSC responsibility under the Selective Service Act for administering a wartime program for C.O.'s will be concluded by March 2, 1946, a voluntary, paid service project started as part of the Friends CPS program--Women's Service in Mental Hospitals--will be continued and enlarged considerably. (Certain AFSC-CPS service offices, probably Dependency, Personnel, Education and Information, will continue until all CPS men have been discharged.)

Responding to the need for more voluntary service opportunities for young men and women and to requests for assistance from public institutions, five major steps are planned in the immediate development of WSMH: 1) make it coeducation; 2) extend the type of work to include reformatories; 3) increase the number of units from two to four--or more; 4) longer terms of service and more use of the project as post-graduate experience for students of sociology and psychology; 5) assumption of responsibility for helping to carry on the work of the Mental Hygiene Program of CPS. Arrangements have already been made for the establishment of a coeducational unit at Phila. State Hosp. next summer and for setting up a unit at Trenton, N.J. State Hosp. and at the New Jersey State Reformatory.

#### SYSTEMATIC RELEASES

During this week, 24 men were discharged from FCPS under the "systematic release" procedure--10 for length of service, 14 for over age. The demobilization of CPS continues to trail far behind the Army. On Nov. 14, only 169 men, 10.5% of FCPS on VE day, had been discharged; whereas, 34.6% of the Army personnel had been released during the same period. Men receiving their releases this week were:

	Camp	Age	Entered
Gilbert Dirks.....	76	26	4-42
Victor Guthrie.....	115	26	8-43
Kollogg Pockham.....	140	28	8-41
Joseph Brown.....	76	26	9-41
William Rhodes.....	140	26	8-41
Leonard Rankin.....	49	29	5-41
James Eastman.....	87	35	6-42
George Allein.....	87	37	3-42
Candler Lazenby.....	132	36	4-42
Merle Randle.....	132	36	5-43
William Reese.....	132	35	5-42
Robert Brill.....	76	38	6-41

	Camp	Age	Entered
Ernest Coppedge.....	108	38	5-43
James Jarvis.....	59	37	1-43
Franklin Donovan.....	49	36	4-43
Stuart Moore.....	49	37	8-42
James Myers, Jr.....	34	30	9-41
Stanton Baily.....	34	38	11-43
Robert Semple.....	46	37	10-42
Glen Dooley.....	76	26	7-41
Bennett Reed.....	37	40	1-43
James Kelley.....	87	36	7-42
George Smith.....	84	27	6-41
Raymond Simmons.....	84	26	10-41

#### MEN NEEDED IN SERVICE UNITS

The following vacancies are reported in special service units. In some instances the openings include replacements needed. TRAINING SCHOOLS: New Lisbon-3; Stockley-3; Laurel-2. MENTAL HOSPITALS: Phila. State-3. A number of openings exist in BSC special service projects: MENTAL HOSPITALS: Lyons, N.J.; Mansfield, Conn.; Newtown, Conn. DEPT. OF COMMERCE: Mt. Weather. PUBLIC HEALTH: Puerto Rico. AG. EXP. STATION: College Park, Md. Several vacancies are also reported in the central offices of the CPS religious administrative agencies.

#### FCPS VOCATIONAL AND EDUCATIONAL COUNSELOR

Barry Hollister, formerly Associate Personnel Director and teacher at Antioch College, was appointed this week to serve as vocational and educational counselor for the FCPS program. Barry, an assignee with considerable CPS experience, will work full-time in camps and units conferring with men who wish assistance in making their training and job plans.

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## NEWS

### SYSTEMATIC RELEASES FOR BALANCE OF YEAR

Selective Service announced this week a slightly adjusted timetable for "systematic releases" which will permit the discharge of a few more CPS men than were originally scheduled for release by Jan. 1. Beyond this expansion of discharge categories already in effect, there will be no new groups of assignees demobilized during this calendar year. Under the revised schedule, applications for discharge may be made beginning Nov. 26 by men who on or before Dec. 31, 1945, will be 38, or 35 with 2 years of service, or have completed 4 years of service. Discharge applications, complete with transportation destination indicated and satisfactory physical examination reports, "should be expedited so travel to home states may be completed prior to rush holiday travel," states SSS. During the past week 28 men have been released from FCPS—4 over age and 24 for length of service. This makes a total of 139 men who have been released from FCPS since systematic releases began six weeks ago. The releases reported this week:

Camp	Age	Entered
Richard Crane.....	84...	28...6-41
John Burrows.....	84...	27...5-41
Milo Himos.....	49...	26...10-41
Maurice Ortlip.....	46...	38...10-43
William Neumann.....	37...	30...10-41
Henry Deale.....	94...	31...6-41
Clarence Burck.....	76...	26...9-41
Harold Bruns.....	94...	35...8-42
Alex Goddard.....	76...	30...6-41
Leroy Bird.....	76...	29...9-41
Clelland Belts.....	76...	26...8-41
Louis Schneider.....	34...	30...9-41
Allen Osborn.....	104...	28...6-41
Kirby Page.....	76...	29...8-41

Camp	Age	Entered
Rex Corfman.....	49...	30...6-41
Charles Deak.....	129...	25...9-41
Daniel Webster.....	76...	26...6-41
Alex Nizaroff.....	76...	27...9-41
Hubert Stadlmayr.....	84...	28...5-41
Carl Walz.....	50...	36...7-42
Edward Whitoway.....	49...	28...8-41
David Swift.....	49...	31...8-41
Warren Allinger.....	23...	27...9-41
David Sommerville.....	83...	30...10-41
Raymond Trayer.....	104...	28...8-41
Charles McLaughlin.....	104...	27...8-41
W. Lee Tracy.....	76...	27...8-41
Charles Gordon.....	37...	37...8-42

Holidays and delays in reporting releases to the FCPS result in the tardy and incomplete listing of weekly discharges in this news service. In addition, several CORRECTIONS are in order: The first two men on the discharge list in last week's Information are 36 not 26 years of age, which makes the releases for that week—8 for length of service and 16 for over age. Of the 20 men reported last week as entering FCPS, only 2 were new assignees, the balance were transfers from camps and units under other agencies. Two weeks ago, besides the 47 men (not 46 as stated) released from FCPS, we also listed 4 men from Camp #81, Middletown, thereby implying that this unit is part of FCPS. It is, of course, a Government administered unit.

### NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The following men have been selected as assistant directors of their units: Ed Hondrickson for Big Flats; Ward Milos for Phila. Jaundice; Giles Zimmerman for Phila. State Hosp.; George New (also persec) for #115 Folic Acid, Welfare Is. Those men have recently been selected as educational secretaries: George Tovey for Folic Acid; Ed Bronner (also persec) for Phila. Jaundice. Two men have been selected for a research project about CPS which SSS has authorized for the AFSC, BSC and MCC. Transfer approval is awaited from SSS for Fred Tolles of Big Flats and Bob Beach of Pennhurst, who will be assigned to the FCPS Education Office to gather historical material about CPS.

### MENTAL HYGIENE PROGRAM OF CPS STAFF INCREASED

SSS has approved the transfer of seven men to the staff of the MHP of CPS to handle its greatly expanded work.

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## NEWS

### VETERANS LEAGUE ADVOCATES AN EQUITABLE TREATMENT OF C.O.'S

The Veterans League of America, an organization of some 40,000 servicemen and women of World War II, is urging the demobilization of CPS on a basis more nearly comparable to that of the armed forces and is calling for a more just treatment of C.O.'s in prison. A statement to this effect was made public at a convention sponsored by the Am. Civil Liberties Union in New York City on Nov. 24.

On the grounds "that the only justification for our ordeal (of war experience) is the affirmation of our dignity as individuals and of our rights as individuals to be guided by our consciences, irrespective of the national will," the VLA termed the discrimination against CPS men at this time as "both ungenerous and unjust" and the treatment of imprisoned C.O.'s as "unwarranted" and such harshness as "inconsistent with democracy".

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### WHERE'S OPPOSITION TO CONSCRIPTION?

Public opinion polls show an all-time high favoring peacetime conscription; top industrial and military leaders urge universal military training at hearings on bill; American Legion advocates compulsory training program which meets many objections of strongest opponents; certain church groups (not including the Friends) decide that the threat of a conscription law warrants immediate discussion of alternative service provisions with government officials. Despite these critical developments during recent weeks, only a comparatively few CPS men took action opposing peacetime conscription. The PPMC Committee of FCPS has called attention to the fundamental, continuing issue at stake—the militarization of the American mind, whether in camp, or through the schools and National Guard." The Committee has suggested a positive, alternative security policy for the U.S. which it urges CPS men to bring to the attention of their Government, families and friends.

(See Edisc for details)

### WHAT ABOUT YOUR RACE RELATIONS AFTER CPS?

"Specifically, what can you do when you are discharged to continue to improve race relations in your own life and in the community of which you will be a part? What program of action can you follow to make more effective this fundamental brotherhood concern of C.O.'s?" Some answers to these questions will be found in the enclosed Information Supplement, "Race and Community," written in the straight-forward, definite language welcomed by CPS men. The suggestions, covering 1) employment, 2) housing, 3) social institutions, 4) legislation, and 5) careers in race relations, grew out of a meeting this week of the FCPS and AFSC committees on race relations. The proposals are indicative of the approach and the purpose of the nation-wide race relations program recently undertaken by the AFSC. James Fleming, formerly a regional director of FEPC and ex-editor of the Philadelphia Tribune, oldest Negro newspaper in America, and now full-time director of the AFSC Race Relations Committee, and his co-worker, Frank Loescher, sociologist and author of the Supplement, invite men in CPS and in prison, as well as released C.O.'s to write them about their personal and community race relations programs.

### CHURCH GROUPS TAKE ACTION RE: C.O.'S CONSCRIPTION, RELIEF, PEACE

Representatives of two of the largest church groups in the U.S.—the Federal Council of Churches and the Methodist Peace Commission—took action within the past fortnight calling upon the Government and the American people for 1) an equitable demobilization of C.O.'s; 2) world abolition of peacetime compulsory military training; 3) the reduction and control of armaments, including the world control of the atomic bomb; 4) the authorization of private agencies to provide food, clothing and other ministering of relief and reconstruction to the peoples of Germany and Japan. The Methodist Peace Commission also voted 1) to ask the President to grant amnesty before Christmas to C.O.'s in prison or on parole; 2) to promote greater understanding and friendly relations between the U.S. and U.S.S.R.; 3) to encourage opening the door at least to some European

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## NEWS

### IF THINE ENEMY HUNGER - FEED HIM

These are the opening words of an AFSC advertisement addressed as a message "To Men and Women of Goodwill", urging our fellow Americans "not to neglect the German children and all those who have been our enemies". The purpose of the 4-column, 16-inch ad was to encourage the American people to be concerned that the US Government mobilize foodstocks and raise the level of rationing in Germany, Austria and other countries in need; that the armed forces use American relief agencies; that mail service be resumed in order to facilitate the sending of individual parcels. This ad appeared last Saturday in the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin, The New York Times and the Washington Post. By Monday morning there were 667 replies sent to the AFSC, of which only 3 letters were in opposition and the others were extremely enthusiastic. Tuesday there were 1235 replies, of which 4 were in opposition. Wednesday there were 1200 responses, none opposed; and Thursday up to mid-afternoon 845 responses, 2 in opposition, a total of 3947 replies. Contributions were not requested but \$4,475.50 have been received; and there have been many requests for copies of the ad, as well as opportunities for service with the Committee.

### SEE REFERENCES NEW DISCHARGE SCHEDULE

Selective Service announced this week the latest timetable for "systematic release" of three-year men. It provides for the discharge from January through June, 1946, of approximately 3800 men, a total which would call for the processing of about 30 releases each working day. Since the recent expansion of SSS clerical staff for discharges, however, as many as 50 or more have been issued per day. AFSC is seeking for an acceleration of the rate as described in the new schedule in order to at least equal demobilization rates of the armed forces as soon as possible. A special effort is being made for a decision enabling immediate discharge of men with children regardless of length of service.

### THE LEGION RESOLVES

At its recent national convention the American Legion adopted a resolution "that SSS be urged to exercise control over the discharge of...conscientious objectors...to the extent that no group of them is released before a like group from the armed forces and that under no circumstances will the rate of discharge exceed that from the military forces." The only reason cited for this action was the Legion's interest "in obtaining employment for discharged service men which may be hampered by the discharge of the conscientious objectors". The resolution did not call for Congressional action to postpone the release of CPS men.

### 46 DISCHARGES FROM AFSC-CPS

46 men were discharged this week from F-CPS, 3 for over age and 43 for length of service. This brings the total of "systematic releases" to 234 or 14.7% of F-CPS population when demobilization began.

#### Over Age

Robert Bogue	Puerto Rico
Austin Gougol	Welfare Island
Edward Ramberg	Haskins Lab

#### Service

Theodore Adams	Coloville
Louis Hilbert	Coloville
Eben Case	Glendora
Richard Forberg	Glendora
Wayne Honawalt	Glendora
Aram Kojakianian	Glendora
William MacArthur	Glendora

Henry Martor
William Moffett
Merle Morgan
Ernest Pearson
Erwin Radley
Channing Richardson
Willis Ryan
Joseph Shketoff
William Spencer
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### AGENCY SECRETARIES HELP SPEED RELEASES

Two secretaries and one ex-assignee member of the F-CPS staff are assisting SSS at its Washington headquarters in the processing of release papers. On Wednesday of this week, SSS responded to an offer to provide clerical help in order to accelerate the daily rate of discharges. Due to this addition to the revised SSS clerical staff for discharges, releases for all men still eligible for discharge this year, a total of nearly 300 at the beginning of the week, are expected to be processed by next Tuesday night. Two men from the BSC camp at Bedford, Virginia are helping NSRO to forward papers as they are received from SSS. AFSC has informed SSS that it will stand ready at all times to augment the SSS clerical staff to increase the flow of releases.

### CAMP AND UNIT CLOSINGS

At the request of SCS, 50 men will be retained at Trenton until January 15 to finish project work. Elktion, as well as one BSC and one MCC camp, will be closed on December 31. Coleville and Coahocton, plus one BSC, one MCC, and one SSS (Manco) camp, are scheduled at present to close by February 28; Big Flats and four MCC camps by June 30. Additional camps may close before June 30 and some closing dates may be advanced. CPS Unit 50 at Presbyterian Hospital, New York City, will close December 15 after nearly four years of service.

### ACLU APPEALS FOR NO PRISON AMNESTY

An appeal for a grant of amnesty to the 3000 conscientious objectors now in Federal prisons was sent to President Truman Sunday by 62 leading non-pacifist clergymen, educators and other professional men acting under the initiative of the American Civil Liberties Union. The President was informed that "the number of men now in prison is seven times the number in World War I, and reflects the inadequacies of our provisions for conscientious objectors." Pending amnesty, it was urged that parole conditions be revised. The statement also requested that a point discharge system be set up for men in CPS on a basis of equality with that in effect in the armed forces. Although newspaper reports did not elaborate on the latter request it is assumed that the statement referred to equality of rate of discharge rather than equality in points needed for discharge, in case such a system were again instituted.

### 60 DISCHARGED FROM AFSC-CPS

60 men were discharged this week from F-CPS, 1 for over age and 59 for length of service. This brings the total of "systematic releases" to 294 or 18.5% of F-CPS population when demobilization began.

#### Over age

Edward Whittemore	Glendora
Nicholas Cardone	Big Flats
George Cates	Big Flats
James Malloy	Big Flats
William Manby	Big Flats
Richard Moses	Big Flats
William Wolff	Big Flats
Stanley Williamson	Big Flats
John Robbins	Coleville
Harold Ziegler	Coleville
Robert Lipinski	Elktion
Philip VanEver	Elktion
Gordon Foster	Gatlinburg
Elmer Hemingway	Gatlinburg

Jeremias Hofer	Glendora
James Martin	Glendora
John Parker	Glendora
Taber Whittelsey	Glendora
Keith Casey	Trenton
Lawrence Cook	Trenton
Stanley Hahn	Trenton
R. Ogden Hannaford	Trenton
Melvin Luerson	Trenton
Ernest McCracken	Trenton
Howard Suits	Trenton
Sidney Moore	AFSC Storeroom
Wayne Dunn	Ames
James Meier	Ames
Clarence Pearson	Ames

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# INFORMATION

December 21, 1945

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## THE CHRISTMAS SEASON - 1945

With "peace on earth" again a faltering reality, "good will towards men" becomes the imperative for more and more people who recognize its validity as the sole force of any permanent concord. CPFS men, circumscribed by conscription, dependency problems, and lack of money, still did their best to fulfill the age-old Christmas injunction: Not forgetting that the surest ways of approaching the Christmas ideal require hard, practical work to oppose conscription, to eliminate political and economic injustices, and to be realistic about the brotherhood of man, there were general manifestations, in CPFS as elsewhere, of the spirit of the season. Almost all hospital and training school units arranged special parties for patients: at Concord, holiday parties and shows were prepared; at Welfare Island, a CPFS chorus sang in several city hospitals; at Byberry, the unit's Patient Care Committee supplied underprivileged persons with Christmas gifts. Meanwhile, interest in sending relief to Europe has steadily increased. The New Haven Jaundice unit, working with the FOR and Friends Meeting, has raised \$850 for mailing food packages; Philadelphia Jaundice has sent food totalling over 100 pounds; several camps have forwarded packages. To date 12,668 reprints, of which only 19 were disapprovals, have been received in response to the AFSC advertisement, "If Thine Enemy Hunger, ...Feed Him", urging American Help for "enemy" countries. A supply of 50,000 reprints of the ad has been exhausted; 10,000 a day are being printed to meet the current demand. The ad is continuing to appear in newspapers throughout the nation.

## FIRST LOANS APPROVED UNDER GUARANTY FUND

The first two loans made under the terms of the AFSC Loan Guaranty Fund were authorized this week. To date about 20 individuals have requested loans for post-CPFS enterprises involving the purchase of trucks, farms, stores, and chiropractor's equipment. These applications are now being processed by a special committee. At present it is necessary temporarily to limit loans to \$300 instead of the \$2000 maximum which was originally announced and which will be restored as soon as the financial situation of FCPS improves.

## 35 DISCHARGED FROM AFSC-CPFS

35 men were discharged this week from FCPS, 4 for over age and 31 for length of service. This brings the total of "systematic releases" to 329 or 20.6% of FCPS population when demobilization began and includes all but 10 of the men eligible for release by December 31, 1945. The 10 remaining releases have not been made as yet because of medical reasons, transportation, or late entries. In addition to "systematic releases", there have been 19 medical and 14 dependency discharges since October 1, a total reduction of 22.7% of FCPS since demobilization began. There will be approximately 1,200 men in FCPS at the end of the year. According to a New York Times report, the Army had released slightly over one-half and the Navy over one-third of its personnel by the middle of the past week. This week's discharges:

### Over age

Horace Thoburn	Trenton
John Murray	Malaria
Richard Goodwin	Malaria
Francis Walton	Mass. General

### Service

George Meier	Big Flats
Henry Rohlfing	Elkton
Claude Jones	Gatlinburg
Lester Vetter	Gatlinburg
Chester Cederborg	Glendora

Gordon Clough	Glendora
Hollis Crawford	Glendora
Reynold Williams	Glendora
John Beane	Trenton
Donald Harvey	Trenton
William Henderson	Trenton
Howard Houston	Trenton
Lee Carlson	Ames
Walter Miller	Ames
Nelson Fuson	Ann Arbor

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# INFORMATION

December 28, 1945

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### EMPLOYMENT AT CONCORD

In a letter this week to Governor Dale of New Hampshire, AFSC-CPS questioned "whether the continuation of the unit (at the State Hospital in Concord) beyond the end of January is in reality a service to the State and to the patients unless some action is taken to encourage the return of paid employees." Noting the commendable standards for patient care at Concord throughout the war period, the letter expressed the concern of the Unit and the AFSC about the problem of recruiting employees, and contained an inquiry about plans for the future. The AFSC pointed out that although the Concord unit has noted the beginning of a new building program, it has seen little evidence of a progressive program for the hiring of other employees, and stated that in addition to the matter of wages, it is felt that the hours, split shifts and half holidays now in effect are not comparable to conditions in other jobs which currently attract personnel with adequate qualifications for hospital work.

### DEPENDENCY AND TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE ALLOTMENTS

Dependency allotments in FCPS reached their peak in November with a total disbursement of \$6,200. During that month 200 men received services in connection with their dependents: 114 received allotments; 65 reclassifications for dependency hardship were being processed, and 10 emergency furloughs were granted for dependency reasons. Over \$62,000 was spent for dependency allotments up to December 1 of this year.

Of the first 100 men released, 20 received a total of \$1500 from the Temporary Maintenance Fund. Dependency allotments as well as temporary maintenance allotments will continue after March 2, when AFSC withdraws from the administration of CPS camps and units. This will be provided regardless of where men may be located. A memo describing procedure will be sent to camps and units soon.

### CLAIM BILL FILED FOR POLIO VICTIM

A bill to pay \$5,000 to the estate of Warren Dugan, who died at Yale last August 26 after a three-day illness of bulbar poliomyelitis, has been introduced in Congress by Rep. James P. Geelar of New Haven, and Senator Brien McMahon. The bill has been referred to the Claims Committee, which in turn has referred it to Selective Service System for recommendation. Due to the large number of claim bills which precede it, the bill will probably be held up until February. No legislation for the payment of benefits to the dependents of conscientious objectors has been adopted to date.

### NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Wilmer Tjossem has been selected as assistant director at Concord to succeed Ross Sanderson who will be discharged during January.

### SSS TAKES OVER

According to present plans, administrative responsibility for the AFSC camp at Big Flats will be transferred to Selective Service about February 1.

### DEMobilIZATION

Two men were discharged this week from FCPS, both over age. This brings the total of "systematic releases" to 331, and leaves 8 releases not yet made of men eligible for discharge by December 31, 1945. Applications for discharge for men who will have completed three years of service on or before April 30, 1945 and of those who will reach their 35th birthday and will have completed two years of service and of those who will be 38 on or before January 31, 1946 will be processed beginning January 1. The discharged men are:

Joseph Woodard .... Phila. State

Oscar Mertz ..... Laurel

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# Educational Secretaries NEWS LETTER

Friends C.P.S.

It was a good conference of education secretaries. Not only were there some interesting and helpful discussions, but it was pleasant, in a warming sort of way, to get better acquainted with the edsecs. Those of us who are condemned to the chores of the Philadelphia education office experience a glow of pride and of renewed confidence when we consider the group of men who have been chosen as edsecs in the camps and units. We felt quite justified in pointing out to the Quaker college presidents the other day that we now have a staff which would be good enough for a college, and are developing an education program which will make educational history.

Since the holidays, we have been spending practically all our time in the office writing the orientation booklet which was suggested at the conference. Fred Tolles spent a week in the office writing a considerable portion of the material since he has had so much experience in presenting it at Big Flats. We've tried to keep it brief, but are now resigned to its being more than fifty mimeographed pages. As soon as a tentative draft is mimeographed we'll send a copy to the edsecs and representatives for criticism and suggestions. It will contain sections on the religious basis for pacifism, the experience of the Mennonites, Brethren, Friends and other pacifist groups; the history, organization and motivation of the AFSC; there will be a brief history of conscription and a discussion of the issues it poses, followed by an outline of the five choices before a CO; then sections on COs in the last war and in this war in other countries. The third main division of the booklet will deal in detail with the origin of CPS, the requests of non-historic peace churches and others, the negotiations in Washington; then an outline of the SSS administration and authority; a brief history of CPS will be followed by an outline of the organization and functions, gains and losses of the AFSC - CPS administration. The final section will give brief statements of purpose and policy of the Brethren, Friends, Mennonites and the Camp Operations Division of Selective Service. Did we leave anything out?

Bishop Henson of Durham, England, has recently published a book of memoirs in which he says of the last war, "It had been boldly prophesied by many that the war would strengthen religion, but I never shared this cheerful belief, for it seemed to me that no conclusion from recorded history was better founded than the disastrous influence of war on spiritual religion. Superstition flourishes, but not Religion. The wreckage and misery of war provide a fertile soil for Fanaticism, but not for Faith." His remarks hold good equally in the present time, and pointedly for those of us who are in CPS. This is not a time in which one can coast along on his previously won faith. There must be progress, or there will be grievous loss due to the very nature of the society and age in which we live. It becomes the special responsibility of the Edsec to find and encourage the 'conscious seekers' in our midst, and to strengthen all tendencies toward spiritual religion among us.

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# Educational Secretaries

## NEWS LETTER

### Friends C.P.S.

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Agency Edseacs We had a meeting the other day in Washington with Morris Keeton of the Brethren, Elmer Ediger of the Mennonites, Dick Reuter, of the National Service Board, and Grover Hartman, of the Federal Council, to discuss common educational concerns.

The Mennonites have been expanding their special schools, especially those concerned with rural life. They have five relief training schools under the supervision of the president of Goshen College. About four hundred of their men are studying in special courses, half of them for credit. Considerable emphasis has been placed on credit arrangements with Mennonite schools for study and work done in CPS. They now have a man in every camp who is carried full time on overhead to supervise the shop and develop the craft program. Courses in blacksmithing, welding, and such subjects have been set up by the local high schools or through the local county superintendent of schools. For training their own instructors, they have found useful the book on how to be an instructor in a war plant, "The Instructor and His Job", published by New York University. They also have some men using the Farm Management extension course put out by La Salle Extension School, Chicago, in cooperation with Ford-Ferguson. Information may be obtained from Ford-Ferguson dealers.

The Brethren have their rural rehabilitation school at New Windsor and have given a great boost to R & R study through their Minneapolis unit. Their edseacs are now working on an individual approach to their camp program, reporting on the free time activities and development of each man in the camp. They have several men making a study on the vocations which contribute to the development of a world community. A great deal of energy goes into the needs of the men on dairy farms and individual assignments. They have one man in the Elgin office who is concerned with the religious life of the camps and units, and a religious life secretary in each unit, with administrative time for some of them. At Wellston, the men have created a cooperative producers wholesale which marketed in December over \$1000 of articles made by the campers.

Recreation Handbooks Ned Linegar had quite a response to his offer of Impaired Handy Booklets at 10¢ (published by the Cooperative Recreation Service.) He has the following stock available, first come, first served:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>No. of Booklet</u>
6	Favorite Square Dances	53
6	Programs	C
4	Fine Arts in Recreation	17
6	Play Party Games	P

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Sam, Charles and Ken are still spending most of their time visiting in the units, with scheduled trips to all the units by early in April. Charles is still on the western swing, heading eastward now by way of the smoke jumpers. Sam is going north to Pownal while Ken is basking in the Orlando sun. Right after Easter the three of us will get together for two days to review all that we know about each camp and unit, and to plan for the summer and fall. If you have any suggestions, requests or what-nots, we'd like to have them on hand to guide us.

We were a bit timid about sending out the request for the statistics on our units, but the response has been so prompt that we're much encouraged. Almost half of the units had sent in their reports within the first ten days. Thanks. And we've been encouraged again by the returns on the booklet about CPS. So far, almost all of the comments have been favorable and have suggested printing, with appropriate illustrations and an attractive layout.

Know a good secretary? Naomi is leaving us before long to join the ranks of the CPS wives, leaving a big job which it will be hard to fill. We need someone who can type, use shorthand, and handle all the details and the correspondence of the office without getting too exasperated by our dashing in and out of the office leaving her to do all the things we didn't get done. We'd like a CO wife, or wife-to-be. Can't guarantee marriage, but we can't deny that the opportunities seem to be good around here.

Institute at Big Flats - On March 10-11 they had their second successful institute at Big Flats with Norman Thomas, F. William Sollmann, Roger H. Soltau, and Donald Harrington. William Sollmann was for fifteen years a member of the German Reichstag, a newspaper editor in Germany, and is at present on the faculty at Pendle Hill. Roger Soltau was Professor of European History at the American University at Beirut, is at present a visiting Professor at Swarthmore. Donald Harrington is minister of the Community Church, New York City. The theme for the Institute was "Germany and Tomorrow's Europe". If you are interested in having a similar institute in your camp or unit, get in touch with Charles Read.

Astronomy at Coleville - recent reports from visitors have claimed for Coleville the highest morale in Friends CPS with several courses under way, an increasing number of men taking correspondence courses, and a general increase in religious and recreational activities. As evidence, they cite the work being done in astronomy under the leadership of Al Shtzel. They are building their own observatory, are making observations for scientific societies, have an active class in astronomy for which college credit is granted, and are planning a considerable expansion in their astronomical studies. Other astronomers interested might get in touch with Al.

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# Educational Secretaries NEWS LETTER Friends C.P.S.

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## Personal and Otherwise

We've not been as regular as we should have lately about writing the news from the office. For people who keep pointing out that we like to hear from the edsecs, we've put ourselves in a somewhat indefensible position. Our excuse is the same one you use.

Naomi Peterman is now Naomi Peterman Holmes, wife of Burton Holmes at Pennhurst, and has left us to work as a secretary at the training school. Those of you who have come to know "Pete" either through correspondence or when you've been in the office will realize how much we miss her. The secretarial work in the office is now shared by Madge Smith and Ruth LaBarre, divided in such a way that each of them will be informed about the doings in half the camps and units and able to carry on the correspondence when the rest of us are away. Madge was formerly secretary for Chase Conover in Richmond, Indiana, and then with Lisle Crawford on Information.

Ruth Crawford, as most of you know, has been working closely with us. She will be giving up her work with Women's Service in Mental Hospitals in a couple of weeks-- (there's a baby coming in the Crawford family); until July, Grace Riggs will be carrying the responsibility for that office, then Phoebe Maxfield will take over.

## Education Office Organization

Following the conference of edsecs last December, we outlined in the newsletter a plan for the organization of the education office in which we divided between Sam, Charles and Ken the responsibilities for each of the camps and units and for the functions to be fulfilled by the office. During the first four months of this year, each Friends camp and unit was visited by one of the three of us and when we completed our visits, we spent several days discussing the situation in each group visited, and making plans for the future.

It was our opinion that the work of the education office ought to be planned four months at a time, with each camp or unit visited once every four months. In April, August and December, the education staff will sit down with other members of the CPS staff for a detailed review of the developments in each camp and unit and will make plans for the next four months. (We thought of calling each four months a trimester, but that's a bit awkward. Any suggestions?)

We found it valuable, when visiting, to go over the list of men in the group, preparing a card about each man on which we describe the important information about the way in which he is using his free time and the latest information about his post-war plans. It gives us a much better understanding of the educational needs and problems in the camps and units, and makes available information which is not included on the personnel forms.

If we are going to try to prepare information on each man in Friends CPS, it means that the visiting responsibility should be divided between the three of us on the basis of the number of men, rather than the number of units, so Sam is now taking responsibility for Elkton and Ken for Byberry.

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# Education Secretaries NEWS LETTER



The somewhat too rigorous travel schedule which we've set for ourselves seems to limit the regular publication of this newsletter. It's tantalizing; the more we visit the camps and units, the more we have to write in the newsletter and the less time we have to do it. We've been patiently chided lately by several edsecs for not writing regularly, and once more have undertaken to reform.

Ruth LaBarre has left the CPS education office, is at home resting for a couple of months. Helen Ring came from Boston to take her place. Helen knew some CPS men through youth hosting, and is rapidly widening her circle of CPS acquaintances. Helen and Madge Smith will divide the office work between themselves, each taking the responsibility for handling all the details and becoming thoroughly acquainted with half the camps and units.

Speaking of office details, and we are aware of the tendency to speak too often of them, one of us on a visit the other day ran across a man who says that he wrote us several weeks ago and got no answer. He was indignant. In the CPS education office, it is our intention to answer every letter within the week, and if you ever hear of a letter unanswered from our office, please let us know before the man has time to brood.

Certain Although we have mentioned it before, some units seem to have forgotten Financial that funds set aside for the educational program are to be used within the Details unit, and not for the purchase of stamps or materials to be sent to congressmen and friends, even though the anti-conscription campaign is a most worthy cause. It's just a case of having to use the money for the purpose for which it was appropriated...

There has also been some misunderstanding concerning the purchase of books on the 50-50 plan. When books are purchased on that plan, they should be available to the unit in which a man is located and do not become his personal property until he leaves CPS. That is, the subsidy is first of all to the group rather than the individual.

In planning your budget for educational expenses, it should be borne in mind that local expenses for the personnel program are properly paid from the educational fund. If the expansion of the personnel program seems to put an unusual burden on the educational fund, a request should be made for an additional appropriation.

Correspondence As you know, when a man needs financial help with a correspondence Courses. Again course, the AFSC is glad to provide the necessary funds upon recommendation by the edsec, and the local education committee, if any. Please remember that all correspondence with the educational institution is carried on by the man involved or by the edsec. When the course has been selected, and is recommended by the edsec, send to our office your request, giving the name of the man, the course, the institution, credit involved, and cost. We will send the money to a unit or the authorization to a camp, and the final arrangements will be made locally. Please report when the work is completed, giving your evaluation of the course. That helps us to advise others. The same procedure is used for courses taken in nearby colleges.

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# Education Secretaries' NEWS LETTER



## Grants-in-aid For Study After C.P.S.

This summary covers all the education aid plans announced by the CPS Personnel office (Memos No. 35 & 47) and the AFSC Education Committee, up to October 1, 1945.

Since the educational assistance program will continue after CPS demobilization, the AFSC set up a separate committee, the AFSC Education Committee, made up of: John Nasen, chairman; David McClelland, secretary; Anna Brinton, Elmore Jackson, Kenneth Morgan, Rachel Pickett, David Swift, Fred Tolles, S. A. Watson.

Grants-in-aid are designed to help conscientious objectors return to school as soon as possible. The funds granted may be used for tuition or other necessary living expenses while continuing one's education. The size of the grants will depend upon the man's financial need after all other sources have been exhausted, and upon the funds available to the AFSC Education Committee. Grants-in-aid, averaging \$200 for a school year (somewhat higher for graduate school), have already been made to several men who have been released from CPS.

Grants-in-aid will be made for vocational training, for secondary school, college and graduate study. If a man wishes to pursue a course of study in an institution which does not give credit or degrees, or wishes to follow an independent course of study, his situation will be considered as a special case.

Although it is expected that many men will be able to meet their education expenses after a year, applications for renewal of grants-in-aid will be received as long as the need continues, with grants being made on the basis of the man's need, his academic record, and the AFSC funds available.

The Education Committee will expect to have the registration and arrival of the man at the college verified by the Dean's Office and will also expect to have reports both from the Dean's Office and from the man himself as to his educational progress.

All Friends colleges have agreed to give half-tuition scholarships to men who have been in Friends CPS for six months (and to Friends from prison) who are able to meet the academic standards of the institution. (For exact details concerning each Friends college, see the Personnel Secretaries Memorandum #47.) In addition, the AFSC Education Committee will ordinarily be able to provide the other half-tuition for men accepted by Friends colleges. Both the colleges and the AFSC Education Committee will consider applications for additional funds in special cases.

Non-Quaker colleges have not made similar provisions for men from CPS, but members of the AFSC Education Committee can sometimes be of assistance in providing information and recommendations to men who are applying for admission and scholarship aid. Men who wish to attend non-Quaker colleges, either for undergraduate or graduate work, may apply for grants-in-aid from the AFSC Education Committee; the size of the grants cannot be predicted until it is known how much money is available and how many requests will be received, but within those limitations the grant will be based on need and academic promise. It should be pointed out that although assistance is given for study in non-Quaker schools, much more aid is available in Quaker colleges.

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# Education Secretaries' NEWS LETTER



## Grants-in-aid For Study After C.P.S.

With the end of hostilities, we have been receiving an increasing number of questions about plans and aid for college study after demobilization. The subject has been discussed in memos sent to the personnel secretaries (Nos. 35 & 47), but not all edscos read all mimeographed material sent from Philadelphia; so, perversely, here's some more.

The personnel office of CPS is anxious to help each man in Friends CPS with his plans for employment or study after demobilization. The employment plans are another matter. See your persec for details. We are here concerned with the educational plans.

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Grants-in-aid have been made available from CPS funds, so that men now being re-classified may be aided as the need arises. The Education Committee has already given grants-in-aid ranging up to \$300 for a college year to several men who returned to college after their release from CPS.

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The Education Committee will expect to have the registration and arrival of the man at the college verified by the Dean's Office and will also expect to have reports both from the Dean's Office and from the man himself as to his educational progress.

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# Education Secretaries' NEWS LETTER



## CPS Historical Materials

All pamphlets, CPS papers, CPS magazines, camp and unit minutes and other printed and written materials which might possibly be useful in writing a history of any phase of CPS should be carefully preserved and sent to the Philadelphia office when the camp or unit closes. If all the materials are sent to one place, requests from libraries can be more readily filled, and one complete master file for research can be created.

## Pamphlets

We are sending you three pamphlets which may be of interest to men in your camp or unit. The first is Robert M. Hutchins' two addresses reprinted from the Christian Century and entitled "V-E Day" and "The New Realism". The second is the September number of Inward Light which publishes selections from the "Theologia Germanica". For several years the "Theologia" has been out of print and Inward Light has done a great service to those interested in the life of the spirit by making available these portions of this famous Fourteenth Century devotional work. However, it was not well known until the Sixteenth Century when Martin Luther brought out a printed edition of it in 1516.

## The Springfield Plan

At the request of the Race Policy Committee of CPS, the Education Office is sending to you the reprint of Benjamin Fine's article "The Springfield Plan", in the belief that men in camps and units who do not know about the experiment in the Springfield, Massachusetts, public school system will want to read about this plan for interracial and intercultural understanding among the children of the city and through them reaching the adults as well.

Viking has just published James Waterman Wise's book, "The Springfield Plan", which some CPS libraries will wish to purchase for men who are interested in a more detailed study of this work.

## Weekend Work Camp

David and Mary Richie, who direct the Volunteer Weekend Work Camps in Philadelphia, are now in the sixth year of this work. There has been increasing recognition of the value of this work and several recent articles describing it have appeared in the public press. We are sending you a leaflet which Dave has given us, so that any man interested in undertaking a similar experiment for young people in his home community may get in touch with the Richies. He would welcome hearing from those who have a desire to encourage such work and would be glad to have CPS men join them here in Philadelphia for a weekend. Will you call this to the attention of those who may be interested.

## Letter from Arch Street Friends

The Representative Meeting of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting, Arch Street, decided in October to issue a letter to men in CPS and in prison who are members of the Yearly Meeting. They have sent us copies of this letter with the request that we send them out for them and these will be included with the materials described above.

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# Education Secretaries' NEWS LETTER

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## #44 has been revised

When we sent our Edsecs Newsletter #44, we tried to summarize all available information concerning AFSC grants-in-aid, and to answer all possible questions concerning the program. Correspondence received since it was released has indicated that not all questions were covered, and it was clear that a minor change should be made in the manner of applying. So #44 has been revised, and with this newsletter we are sending you enough copies so that one can be given to each man in your unit who plans further schooling. If you need more copies, ask for them.

## AFSC - GPS files

As you probably know, all AFSC files go to Haverford College, where they are made available to the public for research. All Friends GPS files, other than confidential personal information, will go to Haverford, where they will be readily accessible to anyone who wishes to do research in Friends GPS. It will greatly increase the value of the files if the men in your camp or unit are encouraged to put in writing any of their concerns, their reactions to GPS, their favorite anecdotes — any items which would be useful to future historians. It is especially important that files of GPS publications, whether inter-camp or intra-camp, should be kept intact and forwarded to Philadelphia when the unit closes. The Reporter in its last issue erroneously said that such files should be sent to the NSB: they should be sent to Philadelphia. Duplicates will be sent to other libraries which are trying to complete their files.

## The Introduction to Friends GPS

With only one exception, the reactions to the Introduction have been from favorable to enthusiastic. The demand has far outrun the supply; we have no more copies in the education office, there are only a few left of the 300 we set aside in George Bent's office for the constituency. If you have any copies which can't be used, we'd be glad to have them back. (Camps receiving new inductees should reserve copies for them.) Thus far, we have had requests for a couple of hundred extra copies, with indications that many more could be used if they were available. That is not enough to consider a second printing, nor is one likely; but if you would like to have more copies, let us know how many would be desirable and if there is a strong enough demand, the question of an additional printing will be given serious consideration. We put a hundred copies away in the files for special requests; don't hesitate to ask for copies from our little hoard if you think the request is justified.

## Subscriptions

Since nothing in GPS is certain at present, subscriptions for magazines should be made on a six months basis from now on. If it seems likely that your unit will continue after March 2, renewals should be made for the sake of the men who will still be there. Everyone is agreed that magazines and books should be provided as long as any men remain in GPS.

## Education Memo #40

Education Memo #40 was the one in which we asked ten questions, and from which we've received thoughtful replies from all but twelve units. All but one of the replies urged the continuation of educa-

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# Education Secretaries' NEWS LETTER



## Disposition of CPS Libraries

We hope that all Edsecs will find an early opportunity to read pp. 9-12 of general Memorandum #538 to all Camp and Unit Staffs regarding the termination of AFSC-CPS administration. This contains the information regarding the disposition of libraries, pamphlets, CPS publications, and educational equipment. There are several things listed here which you can help us with in the near future.

## Toward a Peaceful Society

The pamphlet on which the education office has been working in recent weeks will be a guide for men of good will who wish to serve, either vocationally or avocationally, in ways which will help to eliminate the evils which have led to the conflicts of our times. It will list all the organizations and references through which it should be possible to find all the resources for work in any of the fields of need and injustice in this country. A tentative draft will be sent within the week. We'd be grateful if you would check it for errors and omissions and would send it back with your suggestions by January 15th. It has turned out to be a summary of all the references used in the education program - and a lot more which we should have had two years ago.

## Toward a History of C.P.S.

Fred Tolles and Bob Beach are hard at work on their project of gathering as much as possible of the historical materials useful for scholars who will write on any phase of CPS. They have just emerged from the cogitating stage, which means that within a few days they will begin to ask you for your help in getting and preserving the essential historical materials. This careful gathering of materials by the men who know the program is our best assurance against over-simplified or over-sentimental writing about CPS. Your suggestions and assistance will mean a lot to Fred and Bob.

## Enroll Now For College

Colleges report that they are being flooded with applications for admission next fall and they anticipate that it will be the biggest year in their history. Because of the number of requests for entrance which are coming to them, they will be turning away many applicants. For that reason, any man who anticipates going to college next fall should make his wishes known to the institution of his choice in order to be sure of acceptance.

## World Federal Union - When?

D. H. Maxwell of Wilmette, Illinois, has sent us copies of W. B. Curry's THE CASE FOR FEDERAL UNION for each camp and unit; and so we are including with the news-letter this Penguin Special. It presents the need for the federal union of the nations of the world upon the plan advanced by Clarence Streit. Although there will be many who will agree with the arguments setting forth the imperative of a world order who may not believe that Streit's is the best proposal, they will, nevertheless, find much with which to agree in this booklet. Its introduction is by Frederick L. Schuman of Williams College. (Those interested in family relationships will appreciate knowing that the donor of these books is the father-in-law of Barry Hollister, who at present is the itinerant personnel counsellor of the AFSC in CPS.)

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### MEN WITH THREE CHILDREN ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE

All men with three or more children will be eligible to apply for release on January 10, according to information received yesterday. There are about 80 men in this new release category, of whom nine are in FCPS.

Six men were released for length of service this week, bringing the total of "systematic releases" to 337. Of those eligible for release by January 1, 1946, three men remain. No releases have been made as yet of men eligible for release during the current month. Those released this week:

Clayton Speary	Coshocton	Charles Radecke	Forest Service
Felix Santiago	Glendora	Leonard Billing	Puerto Rico
Kenneth Southard	Glendora	Woodrow Pickering	Puerto Rico

### \$206,000 BUDGET APPROVED FOR 1946

The CPS Finance Committee recently approved a budget of \$206,000 for 1946. This compares with the 1945 budget of \$509,000 and reflects Friends termination of administration of camps and units on March 2 as well as the intention of the AFSC to continue and strengthen current services to CPS men and their families. Despite some economy due to the closing of Elkton, it is expected that expenses for January and February will amount to almost \$40,000 per month. After termination of administration of camps and units, expenditures are expected to drop during March to \$21,000; April, \$20,000; May, \$19,000, and June, \$18,000. The budget includes a sum of \$5,000 monthly for the remaining half year. When administrative expenses are greatly curtailed at the end of February, the funds will be used chiefly for personnel services, dependency allotments, temporary maintenance allotments, supplementary educational grants-in-aid and guaranty loans to ex-CPS men.

### DEMobilIZATION COMMITTEE SECRETARIES BEGIN WORK

SSS approval was received this week for three of the men who are to serve as secretaries of local demobilization committees to help CPS men to find employment after their release. Chuck McEvers, ex-Elkton, will be located at the Northern California Service Board in Berkeley, Cal., Charles Sanders, ex-Coleville, at the Southern California branch of the AFSC in Pasadena, and Warren Staebler, ex-New Lisbon, will have headquarters at the Methodist Commission for World Peace in Chicago. Charles Sanders' first report says that "employment prospect in general are at present good, with demand for good workers apparently taking precedence over concern about religious and political beliefs."

### SSS TAKE OVER

Administrative responsibility for the AFSC units at Wooster, Ohio and Ames, Iowa will be transferred to SSS about February 1.

### NEW ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

The selection of the following unit administrators has been announced: Leonard Kenworthy as assistant director at Coshocton, where Maurice Webster is acting director. Russell Tuttle is acting director at

Trenton.

### TRANSFERS

COLEVILLE to Williamsburg: Joseph W. Myers. ELKTON to Phila.State: Wilford Emmons, Wilmer Stanley. NEW HAVEN JAUNDICE to Coleville: Robert Hungerford.

### FCPS VISITORS

The following visits to FCPS are planned for the next two weeks:

Barry Hollister	Coleville	Indefinite
Elizabeth Martin-Clarke	Warren	January 5 & 6
"	Big Flats	January 9 & 10
Ted Mills	Duke	January 7
"	Ashville	January 8



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### CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

At the CPS executive committee meeting today, a sub-committee consisting of Furnell Benson, Reed Cary, Paul Furnas, Richmond Miller and Clarence Pickett was appointed to indicate in a report next month the probable date on which discharges of CPS men and the transfer of functions to other sections of the AFSC will permit the disbanding of the Civilian Public Service committee. Attended by an unusually large group of persons including many CPS and ex-CPS men, the meeting heard a careful outline of the services to conscientious objectors which are to be continued after March 2. The report of the Mental Hygiene Program, a highlight of the session, will be summarized in an Information supplement next week.

### SYSTEMATIC RELEASES

Marking the beginning of the release of three-year men, 26 men were discharged this week for length of service. This brings the total of "systematic releases" from FCPS under the demobilization program to 363. Those released were:

James Corney	Big Flats	James W. Andrews	Phila. State
Jacob Fischer	Big Flats	Robert Blanc	Phila. State
Donald Sanderson	Big Flats	William Kautz	Phila. State
Lee W. Lumpkin	Gatlinburg	Frank Scott	Phila. State
Richard H. Childs	Glendora	Harold T. Wik	Phila. State
Ronald E. Chinn	Glendora	Clarence Angell	Williamsburg
Charles Czup	Glendora	Anderson Cox	Williamsburg
Dexter MacBride	Glendora	Calhoun Geiger	Williamsburg
Robert L. Montgomery	Glendora	John Gessel	Williamsburg
Clement Wight, Jr.	Glendora	Darwin Nelson	Williamsburg
Benjamin Pierce	Brattleboro	Arnos Reynolds	Williamsburg
Francis Barnard	Concord	David Windor	Williamsburg
Ross Sanderson	Concord	Carl Werner	Williamsburg

### CHANGES IN FCPS OFFICE

Since demobilization has released more than half of the Philadelphia staff, several changes in office responsibilities have been made or are planned in order to care for existing needs and prepare for AFSC withdrawal from the administration of camps and units on March 2. Of the men already discharged, Lou Schneider, asst executive director; Al Holtz, office manager and properties and records supervisor; and Stanton Bailly, dependency allotments, will continue their work until March 2. Adrian Gory and Earle Edwards will continue the Philadelphia work of the personnel office until March 2 while Barry Hollister remains in the field. Ken Morgan, education office, is taking an immediate 6-weeks leave of absence to make a survey of international student exchange work for the AFSC; Charles Read of the same office will continue until March 2 and Sam Marble will leave soon after release this month. Andy Burgess, Medical office; Charles Mitchell, social service; Mary Newman, transfers; and Wally Metz, interpretation and finance, will continue until March 2. Bob Hungerford of Coleville is joining the staff to help with transfers. Steve Powellson continues the accounting work of Jim Myers and Quentin Covert, both released. Bill Cooper, area supervisor for the dairy program, left Dec. 31; his work has been assumed by George Mohlenhoff of the special projects section, who has also edited Information since the departure of Lisle Crawford on Dec. 1. Dave Newhall of Glendora is transferring at present to edit Information and help in the social service office.

The staff selected to continue AFSC services to CPS men after March 2 will be announced early next month and may include several of the present office members.

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## ACCABLE RELEASES SOUGHT FOR CPS

General Eisenhower's testimony before a joint Congressional meeting this week, in which he pledged speed in the orderly demobilization of army personnel, may well strengthen the efforts of the religious agencies to obtain acceleration of the rate of CPS releases.

Eisenhower indicated that army men with 30 months of service as of April 30 will be separated from the army or aboard ship returning home by that date, those with two years of service will be released by June 30. By the end of June, he stated, the army will have demobilized 93% of its V-E Day enrollment of 8,500,000. In contrast, CPS men with 36 months of service are not eligible for discharge until June, and approximately only 60% of CPS will have been released according to the present schedule for the discharge of 43 personnel.

Part of General Eisenhower's statement dealt, in addition, with the specific needs for army personnel as a basis for the present rate of discharge. He stated, "Now understand this, the men who do not need replacement when their jobs are finished will come home immediately." There is, of course, no similar replacement need, in the sense in which General Eisenhower spoke, in the case of conscientious objectors.

This week's releases of FCPS men with at least three years and eight months of service totalled 49, bringing the sum of discharges from FCPS under the demobilization program to 412, or 25.9% of men listed when systematic releases began. The army now has released nearly 60% of its May, 1945 enrollment. FCPS men released this week were:

Arthur Bye Jr.	Big Flats	Bolton Davidhoiser	Trenton
Stephen Cary	Big Flats	Wesley Hein	Trenton
Delbert Roberts	Big Flats	Warren Farmer	Ames
Ryland Robinson	Big Flats	Gordon Lewis	Ames
Robert Tucker, Jr.	Big Flats	Robert Barrus	Cheltenham
Carl Viehe	Big Flats	George Tipton	Concord
Gary Edmonson	Coshocton	Harold Cope	Gainesville
Thaddeus Flaherty	Coshocton	George Haight	Laurel
Emerson Green	Coshocton	Roger Craven	Malaria
James Hughes	Coshocton	Edgar Bell	Mass. General
Harry Lamparter	Coshocton	John Hollister	Mass. General
Gurth Schulz	Coshocton	Philip Gifford	New Lisbon
Tilman Stangeland	Coshocton	William Kelsch	Pennhurst
Charles Chrisman, Jr.	Gatlinburg	Ian Thiernann	Pennhurst
James Mattocks	Gatlinburg	Herschel Dyer, Jr.	Phila.State
Bradford Rowland	Gatlinburg	Raymond Gordon	Phila.State
Clarence Clingman	Glendora	Henry Hall	Phila.State
Wilbert Jewell	Glendora	Curtis Rankin	Phila. State
Melvin Kenworthy	Glendora	Warren Sawyer	Phila. State
Albert Kreinheder	Glendora	Bryn Hammerstrom	Puerto Rico
Anthony Maspinsky	Glendora	George Snyder	Stockley
Warren Sherley	Glendora	Ralph Adlao <sup>10</sup>	Warren
Roger Thompson	Glendora	Milton Bergy	Warren
Charles Winter	Glendora	Lewis Berg	Williamsburg
Daniel Boehm	Trenton		

## SSS WILL TAKE OVER

The agricultural college units at Ames, Iowa and Wooster, Ohio will be transferred to the administrative responsibility of SSS on March 1 instead of February 1 as previously announced.

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## MEN WITH TWO CHILDREN AND TWO YEARS ELIGIBLE FOR RELEASE IN FEBRUARY

According to a Selective Service release dated January 23, 1946, any assignee who will have completed two years of service on or before February 28, 1946, and who is the father of two children under eighteen years of age may apply for discharge beginning February 1, 1946. A rough estimate shows that this new category applies to about twenty men in FCPS.

Men who will have completed three years of service on or before June 30, 1945 may apply for discharge beginning February 1.

## SYSTEMATIC RELEASE

Thirty more systematic releases this week raised the total of Friends CPS men discharged under the demobilization program to 442. The men who have been released are:

Leonard Archer, Jr.	Big Flats	Leland Bullen	Malaria
Eric Maurer	Big Flats	George R. Edwards	Malaria
Theodore Pfeiffer	Big Flats	Huston Westover	Med. Research
Francis Wright	Big Flats	Edward Ewing	Mass. General
Albert H. Carson	Coleville	Ray Deming	New Lisbon
Henry Hallowell	Coleville	Michael Marsh	Phila. Jaundice
Vaclav Klime	Coleville	George Webb	Phila. Jaundice
Milton Lamb	Coleville	Samuel Marble	Phila. Office
George Siroky	Coleville	Daniel Van Name	Presbyterian Hosp.
Milton Metcalf	Coshocton	George Roberts	Psycho-Acoustic
Harry Graybill	Gatlinburg	Jacob Cohn	Warren
Herbert Crocker	Glendora	Jonathan Evans	Warren
Harold Riegger	Trenton	Morris Berd	Warren
Joseph Rush	Gainesville	Sam Weisberg	Warren
George New	Liferaft	Otis Hoskins	Wooster

## HAVERFORD - PENDLE HILL SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Haverford - Pendle Hill Scholarships cover all fees for board, room and lectures at Pendle Hill and for tuition at Haverford College. Holders of these scholarships are candidates for the degree of Master of Arts at Haverford College in one of the following fields: Biblical Literature, Economics, History, Philosophy, and Sociology. Prerequisites are good health and high academic standing. Candidates are particularly desired who are interested in philosophy, in current social problems and the part which religion may play in their solution.

Residence at Pendle Hill enables holders of these scholarships to combine life in a small cooperative educational community of graduate level with the stimulus of academic requirements in one of the best American colleges. Homelike environment with free intellectual effort is added to the discipline involved in qualifying for a degree of master of arts.

Men interested in these scholarships should apply at once to Howard E. Brinton, Director of Studies, Pendle Hill, Wallingford, Pennsylvania, so that there will be time for correspondence and a personal interview. References and records should be sent at an early date. Further information will be sent upon request, and Pendle Hill will welcome the suggestion of names of appropriate candidates.

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**DEMILITARIZATION** Eighteen more men in Friends CPS regained this week that measure of freedom which marks the difference between a "conscript" and a "free" man. The total number of "systematic releases" from Friends camps and units is now 460. Those released are:

<u>Three children</u>		<u>Service, cont.</u>	
Alfred Cope	Big Flats	George Swain	Coleville
Porter Groff	Big Flats	Nikodem Kasperowicz	Glendora
Paul Rumer	Big Flats	Edgar Northway	Ames
Edward Hooper	Gatlinburg	Stewart Crawford	Dairy Testers
William Lloyd	Glendora	Robert Laubach	Folic Acid
Allen Lovejoy	Forest Service	Edward Meece	Rochester
Earle Edwards	Phila. Office	Harold Nolte	Phila. State
<u>Service</u>		Berle Miller	Psycho-acoustic
Gordon Marsh	Coleville	Donald Booth	Stockley
		George Caine	Trenton

As yet there is nothing known here concerning the Selective Service interpretation of the meaning of "National health, safety or interest" which are now grounds for discharge, as announced in the SS release, January 23, 1946.

### APPROVAL GAINED FOR CPS MEN ON CATTLE BOATS

Selective Service has agreed to assign two hundred and fifty men to the CPS Reserve to work on ships carrying heifers, horses and some cows to Europe. Each man will be required to feed, water, and care for approximately 25 animals. In order to be eligible for assignment to this work a man must have been assigned to CPS before June 15, 1944. Applications are due at the NSB not later than February 25, 1946, and must be accompanied by an FD-3-4, a completed physical examination (DSS 222), a letter of application addressed to Colonel Kosch asking for assignment to the CPS Reserve, and completed power of attorney authorizing the Brethren Service Committee to collect wages from UNRRA. Selection of men will be made by UNRRA on the basis of experience in handling cattle, dependency needs, length of time before discharge, general character and work habits, physical condition, and CPS work record. Men will receive \$160 per trip, from which certain fees will be subtracted. Administrative responsibility for handling crews has been delegated by UNRRA to Ben Bushong of the Brethren Service Committee who has already been doing this sort of work in connection with the BSC heifer program. NSB Camp Director's Bulletin describes in detail the conditions under which men may be assigned to the CPS Reserve for this work.

**IF THINE ENEMY HUNGER...** More than thirty-seven thousand replies have been received in response to the American Friends Service Committee advertisement first printed early in December 1945 urging that German children and civilians of "enemy" nations receive food from the United States. Forty-five of these thirty-seven thousand letters expressed disapproval of the proposal, or approximately 1 to 820. Although no money was requested, \$27,000 have been spontaneously contributed.

**PAROLE REGULATIONS** The United States Board of Parole will now consider allowing men who have served one-third of their terms in prison and who are twenty-six years of age or older to be paroled without limitation of location, job, or salary. The 8641 authorities indicated that they will apply this policy to men under 8641 parole who meet the conditions. Parolees in CPS who are under the joint jurisdiction of the Department of Justice and Selective Service are not specifically included or excluded. As soon as there is any decision about how this policy applies to them there will be another announcement.

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### SYSTEMATIC RELEASES

Two men were released from Friends CPS under the program of systematic demobilization. They are Benjamin Fincke of Big Flats and Wirt Warren of Williamsburg, both of whom have three children. Total number of systematic discharges from FCPS is now 462. Discharges from Big Flats will probably not be reported through the AFSC any longer since they are now handled directly by Selective Service.

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE APPROVES GRANTS

Nineteen men were granted a total of \$3175 by the AFSC Education Committee at its meeting on January 25. The grants covered a wide variety of interests in a wide variety of places. Men who received assistance will attend Oberlin, Yale, Columbia, Alfred, Wilmington, Missouri, and other schools. Among the subjects that they have chosen to study are ceramics, religion, diesel engineering, music, barbering and sociology. The Education Committee encourages men to go ahead with their educational plans. CPS men will get prompt attention if they consult with their edsec or persec immediately and submit their requests as soon as possible. The committee is meeting once a month at present and is acting upon a wide variety of requests.

### WORK OF INTERNATIONAL IMPORTANCE

While 140 million people in Europe remain ill clothed and hardly fed at all and as this country moves into the sixth month since the end of the war, it became necessary for the CPS section to send out a memo to camps and units saying that though efforts will be continued there is certainly no reason for optimism at this stage of developments over the chances of obtaining additional CPS men to work in the AFSC Clothing Store-rooms and Food Packing departments. Several men are at present assigned to this work for each of the Peace Churches and Selective Service has recently approved a unit of two hundred and fifty men for work on boats carrying livestock to Europe. With President Truman now calling vigorously for a national effort to bring the prolonged catastrophe in Europe to an end, it is very much to be hoped that still more CPS men will be allowed to share in the work. There will be further announcement about this.

### DEPENDENCY-HARDSHIP DISCHARGE SITUATION

Between the 1st of October and the 7th of February, 66 applications for release on grounds of dependency and hardship were submitted to Selective Service. 24 of these requests were refused, 15 were approved, 25 have not yet been acted upon, and 2 men who had submitted cases were released for length of service while their dependency cases were pending. Thus 39 of the 66 dependency cases have been acted upon, and of this number 38% were approved and 62% were turned down. Since so many cases are still pending these percentages are not reliable. However all but one of the sixteen cases submitted in December have been acted upon: 11 were refused, 4 approved, or 73% turned down and 27% approved. On February 1st Charles Mitchell sent a memo to camps and units containing the best available information on present policy regarding this type of discharge.

### PREPARATION FOR RETURN OF DISCHARGED MEN

Recently the AFSC printed 2500 copies of a small pamphlet entitled "Friends Prepare for the Return of Discharged Men". This pamphlet gives a brief outline of the services which the AFSC is offering to men as they are released, and it also contains more than twenty addresses of local groups all over the country which are prepared to help discharged men with their problems. The interest in these plans has been so widespread that 2000 more copies of the leaflet are being printed. It has been suggested that CPS men can not only relieve help from these local committees but that they can strengthen them by cooperating with them in their work and planning.

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### SYSTEMATIC RELEASES

45 more men have been released from Friends camps and units under the program of systematic demobilization, bringing the total number of releases to 507. According to the NSB on September 1, 1945, there were 8551 in all Civilian Public Service; on February 1, 1946, there were 6764, for a net drop of 1787 in a five month period. Following are the names of men released from

Service			
John Dixon	Coshocton	David Griggs	Phila. State
James Morgan	Coshocton	Lawrence Kaufman	Phila. State
Paul Noftz	Coshocton	George Little	Phila. State
Joseph Osborn	Coshocton	Thomas Lynch	Phila. State
Kevin Royt	Coshocton	Donald Riggs	Phila. State
Robert Bean	Glendora	Thomas Riggs	Phila. State
Marshall Brightly	Glendora	Ray Roy	Phila. State
Nicholas Broughton	Glendora	Robert Scott	Phila. State
Samuel Edinger	Glendora	Howard Simmons	Phila. State
Andrew Wilson	Glendora	Paul Wilhelm	Phila. State
Joseph Havens	Brattleboro	Oscar Ahrens	Puerto Rico
Frank Hickin	Brattleboro	Donald Erdman	Puerto Rico
Luther Kirsch	Brattleboro	John Stewart	Puerto Rico
William Meek	Brattleboro	Dalton McBee	Williamsburg
John Pullman, Jr.	Brattleboro	Thurman Perkins	Williamsburg
George Eberhard	Concord	Edward Scott	Williamsburg
Philip Steer	Mental Hygiene	Maurice Stout	Williamsburg
Dean Sheffer	NSB	Asa Watkins	Williamsburg
Waldemar Metz	Phila. Office	<u>Two Children and Two Years</u>	
David Billmyer	Phila. State	William Bruff	Coleville
James Cramer	Phila. State	Dan Wilson	Coleville
Roger Drury	Phila. State	Joseph Goodman	Medical Research
Robert Hood	Phila. State	Fred Tolles	Phila. Office

### LOAN FUND READY TO OPERATE -- SIX LOANS APPROVED

Improvement in the financial condition of Friends CFS has made it possible for the AFSC Loan Guarantee Committee to raise the limitation on loans for business, professional or farming purposes from \$300 to \$1000, effective immediately. Although funds are still limited and there is no indication of when further revision may be possible, men should not hesitate to inform the Committee of their plans merely because they expect to need more than a loan of \$1000.

To date six loans have been approved by the Committee. These loans total \$3300 and are going to men who plan to engage in auto repairing in Iowa, electrical repair work in Trenton, North Dakota, farming in Minnesota, selling kitchen utensils in California, and truck gardening in Tennessee. Eight loan applications are pending; three have been disapproved; and two requests for money to purchase homes are outside the scope of the Loan Guaranty Fund.

### CPS ASSIGNEES MUST LEAVE CLOTHING ROOMS

The present ruling of Selective Service is that CPS assignees who are now working in AFSC Clothing Rooms must leave these jobs when the Friends withdraw from the administration of Civilian Public Service on March 2, 1946. Paul Furnas after first seeing Colonel Kosch about this carried on the discussion with General Hershey, and there is practically no chance that the decision will be changed.

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### AFSC NEARS END OF CPS ADMINISTRATION

The sixty-four dollar question among CPS men is still "When do I get out?", but there are a couple of other questions concerning the withdrawal of the American Friends Service Committee from administration of Civilian Public Service that have caused a great deal of conjecture. It has been made clear that something is going to happen on March 2, 1946. The questions are "What will the AFSC quit doing on March 2nd?" and "What will it continue to do?".

Responsibility for the endless amount of paper work involved in inductions, transfers, discharges, furloughs, absent sick status, RTWs, AWOLs, and things of this sort will terminate abruptly. The AFSC will no longer have anything to do with these essentials of the CPS system; it will no longer contribute financially to the operation of camps and units; it will no longer maintain local administrative staffs; it will no longer be responsible for the performance of unpaid labor; the CPS Section will no longer stand clumsily in the governmental hierarchy rising from conscript to war-minded leaders. Property and financial obligations in connection with the camps and units will be ended as soon as possible, the length of time necessary for this being estimated at three months. Cessation of these activities is reflected in the reduction of the Philadelphia staff to about half its regular size and in a greatly reduced budget for CPS in 1946.

Termination of these administrative functions relieves the AFSC of all formal relationship to the CPS program, but it does not change the Service Committee's concern for the men in CPS camps. The CPS Section will continue to perform the same non-administrative activities that heretofore have been carried along with the administrative burdens, and the intention is that these services will be continued until all men are demobilized and re-established in normal self-supporting positions once again. A request (from Lou Schneider, Feb. 18) has gone out to camps and units to recommend a man to be consultant-correspondent for the AFSC in each unit. This position, however, is not an administrative position. The man will make local arrangements for time to do the work. He will not be a left-over staff member, relic of administration; rather he will be a local person with whose help the AFSC will be better able to understand and meet the continuing needs of men in the camps. How long the CPS section will continue to exist as a separate unit depends upon the needs of the situation; the CPS Executive Committee at its meeting, February 22nd, expressed the hope that the AFSC Board of Directors would look forward to the termination of the CPS Section and the CPS Executive Committee between May 15th and June 30th. If the CPS Section should fold up and vanish forever in the near future, the services to conscientious objectors will be absorbed into the activities of other AFSC sections and carried on by them. These services include medical and psychiatric assistance, dependency aid, educational and vocational counseling, educational grants, business loans, temporary financial assistance for men who need help in meeting immediate needs when they are discharged, and job placement assistance.

### CPS DEMOBILIZATION SLOW-DOWN CONTINUES

Demobilization of CPS still lags substantially behind demobilization of the army and behind what most CPS men feel to be the requirements of the CPS program. On October 1, 1945, there were 8591 men in CPS; on February 1, 1946, there were 6764 men in CPS, and between September 21, 1945 and February 1, 1946, 2341 men were released. Calculating on the basis of these figures, 27% of the men who were in camps and units when demobilization of CPS got under way were out by February 1, 1946.

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### SYSTEMATIC DEMOBILIZATION

Nineteen men were discharged this week from Friends CPS bringing the total number of systematic releases in Friends camps and units up to 558. This leaves approximately 900 men in F-CPS who have not been demobilized and who will be under government administration from now on. Following are the names of the men who were released:

From Coleville: Wesley Huss, James Spivey, Bill Van Hoy. Gatlinburg: David Burroughs, Jacob Rudisill, Hubert Taylor, Ames: Charles Esswein, Reynold Russell, Willard Haines. Brattleboro: Norman Hollander (children and service). Warren: Franklin Briggs. New Haven Jaundice: Michael Ritzman. Welfare Island: John Kendall (children and service). Rochester: Robert Dick. Cal Tech: Andrew Benson. Cambridge: John Hanna. MHP: John Steer. Pennhurst: Ned Linegar, Charles Schilling (both for children and service). Men who completed three years of service on or before September 30, 1945, may now submit applications for discharge.

### COLEVILLE AND COSHOCTON CLOSE THIS WEEK

Coshocton and Coleville Close this week, following thirteen other Friends camps into the land of reminiscence and never-again. The other camps are Patapsco, San Dimas,

Petersham, Royalston, Ashburnham, Merom, Buck Creek, West Campton, Gorham, Swallow Falls, Cooperstown, Trenton and Elkton.

Most of the Coshocton men are being transferred to Gatlinburg; a few are going to Bowie, Big Flats, Coast and Geodetic and Lyons. Selective Service has made these transfers in substantial agreement with the requests submitted by the AFSC office. The Coleville transfers, however, bore little relation to the requests made by the AFSC or, for that matter, to the previously demonstrated policies of Selective Service. The establishment of two side camps at Bishop and Reno, requested by the Forest Service, was approved, and 10 Coleville men are to be placed on the Glendora records and retained at those locations. A few men were sent to Lyons, Manteno, Puerto Ric, Duke and MCC or BSC base camps. The rest, except for six men, were sent to Glendora regardless of dependency needs or geographical location, in response to a statement of the Forest Service that 250 men would be needed to man that camp and its somewhat increased number of spikes. The six men, all from southern California, were transferred to Lapine.

The authorization of about a dozen men from the Los Angeles area to Glendora represented a flagrant disregard, as arbitrary as its observance had ever been, of Selective Service's own 200 mile rule. Likewise ignored was the principle that men should not be sent farther from their homes than the camp in which they were then located. It had already become apparent during the winter that Selective Service does not consider Minersville a camp to which men may be routinely transferred, and this was borne out by the fact that no Coleville men were sent there regardless of geographical considerations. This decision by Selective Service is certain to give satisfaction to some Coleville men whose homes are within a few miles of Glendora and who had looked forward reluctantly to Lapine transfers. It was equally certain to disappoint eastern men some of whom had serious dependency problems who, on the basis of previous Selective Service action and policy, had had reason to expect that they might be moved nearer to their homes.

Since it seemed clear to the AFSC that the best interests of both the camps and the men were not being served by the transfers as authorized by Selective Service, all possible efforts were made to secure a change. It was promptly made plain, however, that in the face of the technical agency request, all other administrative and personal considerations were to be completely disregarded.



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### AFSC CONSULTANT CORRESPONDENTS

Twelve camps and units have chosen consultant-correspondents to aid the AFSC in carrying on its services to CPS men. The AFSC would be glad to have the remaining units recommend a man to be consultant-correspondent. Following are the names of those who are already acting in this capacity.

Harlan Smith  
Carroll Feagins  
Giles Zimmerman  
John Musgrave  
LaRoy Seaver  
Bill Cooper

Big Flats  
Gatlinburg  
Phila. State  
Concord  
Stockdaley  
Laurel

John Sutherland  
Kingman Grover  
Robert Chapman  
Ian Allen  
Hal Ewen  
Joseph Brown

Glendora  
Williamsburg  
Warren  
Brattleboro  
Pownal  
Psycho-Acoustic

### CPS SECTION

The contours of the post-administrative Friends Civilian Public service Section are still not entirely clear, but at the moment they look like this: Paul Furnas is staying long enough to complete his work as Executive Secretary. George Bent is winding up his work in the Interpretation and Finance Office. He leaves at the end of the week and in April will resume finance work for the AFSC in the Chicago area. Lou Schneider has already moved out of the CPS Section and into the AFSC Personnel Office. Charles Reed and Ken Morgan remain in the CPS Education Office to handle this end of the educational program. Sam Marble has left. Barry Hollister will remain with the CPS Section spending a good portion of his time visiting camps and units. Earle Edwards continues in the CPS Personnel Office. George Mohlenhoff will be here at least another week to close out AFSC participation in the special service projects and the dairy program. Mary Newman is picking up the residue of more than four years of CPS administration and plans to leave at the end of March. Bob Hungerford is helping her with this clean-up job, but he will soon take up work with Bob Beach who is carrying on with the organization of CPS records. Fred Tolles has given up this work since he was released and is now teaching at Swarthmore College. Steve Powelson and Cassius Fenton remain in the CPS Accounting Office. Charles Mitchell is carrying on the work of the Social Service Office. Stanton Bailly has left. Al Holtz will remain for a few weeks as Office Manager. Andy Burgess continues his job as AFSC Medical Director. Dave Newhall remains as editor of Information. In addition to these people there are about a dozen more people helping with the work of the CPS Section as filing clerks, typists, mail clerks, secretaries, assistants, etc.

On March 16th there will be a general upheaval in which the CPS Section will move into much smaller quarters to make way for the growing needs of other branches of the AFSC; and the entire section will be reduced to approximately seventeen persons, including everybody.

SYSTEMATIC RELEASES: Reports of the following releases under the systematic demobilization program came to the AFSC this week: Glendora: John Rush. Coleville: Robert Slaughterhaupt. Gatlinburg: Bracy Smith (3 children), Edward Potts (2 years, 2 children). Amos: Don Powell, Alfred Johnson. Williamsburg: Ed Wildman. Pownal: Darrall Randall. Brattleboro: Howard Pedersen, Henry Ormsby, Robert Wehmeyer. Warren: John Carter. Dairy Testing: Benjamin Catos. New Haven Jaundice: Orange H. Hart. Philadelphia Jaundice: Richard Woodard. Litcraft: Robert Seism. Cambridge: David Bacon. Psycho-Acoustic: Rufus Grason.

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# INFORMATION

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### CIVILIAN PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE INTERNATIONAL TENSION

The approach of a few Russian tanks to Teheran is an event with serious implications for the entire world and it is hardly prudent to become preoccupied with what this means to that small portion of the world which is the Civilian Public Service Program. Nevertheless, the implications do extend as far as CPS. The Russian moves have given those persons in the United States who are determined to keep this country's military strength at a high level the help they need to gain an extension of the Selective Service Act, which will in turn automatically prolong the existence of CPS. It appears that now there is a good chance for the Selective Service Act to be extended for a full six months rather than not at all or for just a short period to wind up drafting activities.

The tenseness in the international picture seems clearly to have given added strength to the efforts to extend Selective Service, but it does not appear to have made much difference as yet in the delicately balanced situation with regard to legislation dealing with permanent peacetime conscription. The House Military Affairs Committee continues to be reluctant to report out any peacetime conscription legislation; but continued international tension is certainly not going to help the anti-conscription forces. On the other hand, the crisis now does leave open the possibility that the problems might be squarely met in the next few weeks, so that by the time legislation comes up for a vote the international picture will be brighter and the anti-conscription forces stronger rather than weaker.

### SUPREME COURT RULES FAVORABLY FOR COS

An unspectacular but very important step was taken by the Supreme Court on February 4th when it handed down a decision in the cases of Estep and Smith, Jehovah's Witnesses, supporting the contention that COs who refuse to obey illegal orders of draft boards should be permitted to defend themselves against those invalid orders in court. Previous to this ruling, many registrants who were incorrectly classified were never given the chance to prove in court that the orders of their local boards violated the law and the regulations. This decision makes clear that many COs have been convicted illegally and sharpens the need for amnesty for conscientious objectors who are serving or have served prison terms. "We cannot believe that Congress intended that criminal sanctions were to be applied to orders issued by local boards no matter how flagrantly they violated the rules and regulations which define their jurisdiction." (Justice Douglas) "There is something basically wrong and unjust about a juridical system that sanctions the imprisonment of a man without ever according him the opportunity to claim that the charge against him is illegal." (Justice Murphy)

### HOW OLD IS YOUR LITTLE BROTHER?

The AFSC Voluntary Service Program is set up for 18 year old men who share the Quaker ideal of service and are seeking constructive fields of work. At present opportunities are open for work on cattleboats going to Europe; some men are being assigned to the Friends European Transport Unit; there is an UNRRA-sponsored transport unit in Italy; and there are AFSC rehabilitation and sanitation projects in Mexico.

Since 18-year-olds are still faced with the draft, the AFSC has sought II-A occupational deferments for men who are interested. Deferments are not sought in order to recruit men, but the AFSC does desire to make these service opportunities available to men who hold convictions that can best be translated into practical action in this way. Local draft boards have been approving about half the requests for deferments.

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### NO DECISION YET ON DRAFT EXTENSION

There is now a possibility that the House Military Affairs Committee may be willing to open the current hearings on extension of the draft to opposition groups. So far the hearings have been confined to groups favoring extension, with Secretary of State Byrnes, Secretary of War Patterson, Secretary of the Navy Forrestal and General Eisenhower playing leading roles. Opposition groups may be allowed to be heard because a number of them have demanded to be heard and Chairman May is interested in obtaining a change in the draft law to exempt 18 to 21 year olds.

Contrary to the more pessimistic expectations, the tense international situation has not stampeded either Congress or the House and Senate Committees on Military Affairs into approval of unlimited extension of the draft. It cannot be denied that the international scene has given proponents a strong wedge for their activities and the administration is pounding it with a sledge hammer; but permanent conscription is not just around the corner. There is real opposition in the committees which, given adequate support, may be able to resist the pressure and bring some sort of sane judgment to bear on the forthcoming decisions.

### MAKE YOUR POST-CPS EDUCATIONAL PLANS NOW

Twelve men have received grants which will enable them to carry on their undergraduate college education, and five men have received assistance for graduate work. The undergraduates will go to Connecticut Wesleyan, University of California at Los Angeles, Adrian, Goshen, Western Carolina State Teachers College, Roosevelt College, Northwestern, Cincinnati and Pennsylvania. The graduates will carry on work in sociology, social work, and anatomy.

These grants amount to \$2,462 and were made on March 5th by the AFSC Education Committee. The committee urges men to make their educational plans now. In order to receive a grant a man must have been admitted to a school, among other things; and with so many persons now able to resume interrupted college careers it is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain admission to many schools.

### COLLECTION OF RESEARCH MATERIALS CONTINUES

Bob Beach, temporarily assisted by Burt Holmes, is continuing the work that will assure preservation of all available records relevant to an understanding of all phases of that many-headed monster, CPS. Most needed and perhaps the most significant documents are personal letters, diaries, and appraisals written by CPS men as a result of their experiences in CPS. Men who are willing to do so are asked to send such material to Bob Beach who will see that it is kept as data for future studies of CPS.

### NON-VIOLENT REVOLUTION SOUGHT BY NEW ORGANIZATION

A group of left-wing war resisters met in Chicago early in February and set up a new organization "dedicated to non-violent revolutionary socialism to be known as the Committee for Non-Violent Revolution. A report by Roy Finch in the Conscientious Objector says "Non-violence and revolution were advocated as the only practical means of achieving the replacement of the present system with a more democratic one, in an economic as well as a political sense." Charles Bloomstoin, writing in Probe, expresses some criticism but goes on to say, "This conference represents a tremendous step forward. For the first time, a non-violent approach to socialist revolution is under serious consideration. For the first time, it is recognized that a revolution depends, not primarily on political action, but on the direct construction of new economic and social institutions."

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### DECISION NEAR ON DRAFT EXTENSION

For the moment, the struggle for and against peacetime conscription focuses around the extension of the Selective Service Act. The Selective Service System is fighting for its life which will end on May 15th unless Congress extends the date. Both the Senate and the House Military Affairs Committees are expected to act by April 9th or before. Pressure from strong groups of people on both sides of the issue has kept a delicate balance of opinion within both committees. This week the Senate Committee seemed inclined toward a six week extension; at present it appears they may succumb to a longer period. General Hershey testified saying, "If the Congress is not willing to extend the Selective Service Act for a substantial period of time, the act should be terminated now." The House Committee has been trying without success to deal with peacetime conscription. A short extension (6 weeks) will not solve any problem; a long extension (7½-9 months) will place the problem before a new Congress and play into the hands of those persons who desire a permanent system of military conscription.

### DEMobilIZATION

There were 5623 men in Civilian Public Service on March 15th, 1946. About 500 of these men had discharges pending and expected to be out by the end of March bringing the total number of men in CPS down to something slightly over 5100. 2875 of these men were under Mennonite administration, 1294 under the Brethren, and 1335 directly under the Camp Operations Division of Selective Service.

On October 1, 1945 there were 8591 men in CPS which is just about the high water mark. As of March 19, 1946, 3293 men had been demobilized since systematic demobilization began. This means that approximately 38% of the October 1st manpower has been released. Figuring in terms of percentage of maximum strength, at the end of March 1946 CPS still has 65% of its maximum strength.

The maximum manpower for the Army was 8,300,000. It is now said that 2,600,000 men are in the army. This means that the army has at present 31% of its maximum manpower. CPS has shrunk about one third. The army has shrunk about two thirds.

### CONSULTANT CORRESPONDENTS

Following is a list of the men who are at present serving in camps and units as consultant - correspondents for the AFSC.

Bill Cooper	Laurel	Bob Wixom	Mass. General
Dole Anderson	Big Flats	Edwin Bronner	Lapine
Carroll Feagins	Gatlinburg	Adrian Gory	Life Raft
John Sutherland	Glendora	Hal Ewen	Pownal
Giles Zimmerman	Phila. State	Roland Ortmeier	Rochester
Kingman Grover	Williamsburg	Charles Carpenter	Malaria
John Musgrave	Concord	Max Kampelman	Minneapolis
Den Allen	Brattleboro	Joseph Brown	Psycho-Acoustic
LaRoy Seaver	Stockley	Bob McNeil	Pennhurst
Bob Vesey	New Lisbon	Robert Chapman	Warren

PAROLE As a result of the policy which allows men over 26 years old and men with children to apply for unrestricted parole, nearly 300 Jehovah's Witnesses have been paroled since November 15th, 1945. This form of parole allows them to do full time witnessing. As of March 7 there were still 2002 JW's in prison.

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### CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES TO ACT ON DRAFT EXTENSION BY APRIL 9TH

The long controversy over peacetime conscription seems to have reached a final crisis which may determine a large portion of the domestic and international policy of the United States for years to come, with inevitable consequences for the entire world. The immediate decision that is being made is that of extension of the draft. The House and Senate Military Affairs Committee are expected to make their recommendations to Congress by April 9th, and Congress is expected to vote on the issue promptly. The full import of this decision involves a choice between the ways of war and the ways of peace. Defeat of the draft now will make it extremely difficult to pick it up again later; it will be an expression of our country's faith in the peaceful constructive methods of world government. Extension now will make it extremely difficult to eliminate military conscription from the pattern of life in the United States in the future.

The army-sponsored measure calls for a one year extension of the draft with service limited to 18 months. Thus men drafted next year would serve well into 1948. Congressional groups remain undecided on the questions of drafting 18-year-olds and the length of an extension.

In the course of the discussions in Washington it has been suggested that amendments favorable to conscientious objectors be inserted in the extension bill. These amendments would involve compensation for injuries to CPS men and for families of men who have lost their lives in CPS, use of the frozen fund for dependency relief etc., and authorization for pay to CPS men. Although in other contexts the AFSC has sought for these improvements in the CPS system, it is opposed to any extension of the draft. The possible presence of favorable amendments has not and will not change its complete opposition to any bill whose central purpose is to extend conscription. It feels that these amendments should be considered in separate legislation.

### REQUESTS FOR ACTION SENT TO CPS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The following telegram, reflecting the feeling of the American Friends Service Committee, was sent on April 4th to 63 members of the CPS Executive Committee:

"House Military Affairs Committee expected to act on draft extension tomorrow (April 5) morning. Senate Committee at ten next Tuesday (April 9) morning. Congress expected to vote next week. Proposal would hold many men in CPS until November 1948. Also establish peacetime conscription de facto. Now is the time for phone calls, telegrams and letters.

Paul J. Furnas, Secretary  
Civilian Public Service Committee

### DEMOBILIZATION

CPS demobilization continues with men who completed three years of service on or before November 30th, 1945, eligible to apply for release in April. Demobilization of CPS began last September when CPS was at its peak strength of 8600. On April 2, 1946, 3970 requests for release had been approved. This is 44% of the peak figure.

### NEW SS ATTITUDE ON TRANSFERS

Transfer authorizations now carry a date by which the man who is transferred must commence his travel to the new unit. According to the National Service Board, "The effect of this change of form will be to relegate a transfer from a matter of permission to an order, full enforceable by law."

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# INFORMATION

April 12, 1946

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### DRAFT EXTENSION APPROVED BY HOUSE AND SENATE COMMITTEES

After a week in which the issue hung in very delicate balance, both the House and Senate Military Affairs Committees have approved bills which call for an extension of the Selective Service Act. The House Bill calls for a nine month extension. It is reported that 35 roll call ballots were taken before an agreement was reached. The Senate Bill calls for a one year extension.

The House Bill is expected to come up for vote on the floor of the House on April 13, and the Senate Bill is expected to be voted on by April 17. However administration schedules have not always been followed, and there may be enough debate on these bills to delay the vote.

These bills carry amendments requiring the army to reduce its strength month by month so that on July 1, 1947 it will be 1,070,000 men. Length of service is restricted to 18 months; fathers are exempted. Fathers now in the armed forces will be discharged after August 1, and men with 18 months service will be released upon request after October 1. Legislation has also been proposed providing for pay increases, designed to increase the number of volunteers and thereby reduce the number of men who must be drafted.

The leaders of the anti-conscription groups are seeing every Congressman giving him figures showing that the army does not need this extension of the draft in order to meet its manpower quotas. Similar efforts are being made to present the facts to members of the Senate. All possible effort must be made now to defeat the extension in Congress. Write to the men who will do the voting.

### FOUR MORE LOANS APPROVED BY THE LOAN COMMITTEE

The AFSC Loan Guarantee Committee has approved four more loans to men released from CPS. These loans total \$2100, varying from \$100 to \$1000. They are going to men who are running a coffee shop, purchasing automobile repair equipment for a garage, operating a fruit orchard, and establishing a vegetable plant business. Ten loans totalling \$5400 have now been granted by the Committee, and a number of others are pending.

### TEMPORARY MAINTENANCE FUND SERVES 129 MEN

Between October 1945 and the end of March 1946, 129 men have received assistance from the AFSC Temporary Maintenance Fund amounting to \$8331. The average grant has been about \$65, and approximately 15% of the men who are being released are making use of this fund.

### AMNESTY

Amnesty for all conscientious objectors to war and conscription is still a moral obligation of the government of the United States. The Federal Council of Churches (March 29): "The cause of justice would be served if the President of the United States proclaimed a general amnesty for conscientious objectors now in federal prisons and for those who although released bear continued civil disabilities." Upton Sinclair: "I am very strong in favor of amnesty for all war objectors, and I am willing to be quoted to that effect."

Lillian Smith: "I feel strongly that amnesty should be given all objectors to war and conscription. I wish I knew how to awaken people's imagination on this subject."

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April 19, 1946

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### SERVICES TO COS ARE CONTINUED BY AFSC

For almost six years the American Friends Service Committee *responsible* has been carrying on a program of service for conscientious objectors who have been assigned to Civilian Public Service. From May 15, 1944 to March 2, 1946, the AFSC administered CPS camps and units in cooperation with Selective Service, devoting a great deal of time and effort to ~~thankless~~ administrative routine. Since March 2nd the AFSC has carried on its services for men in CPS without any involvement, either financial or administrative, in the operation of camps and units. ~~The CPS staff have been free, for the first time, to give all their energy to activities of direct value to CPS men.~~ The AFSC feels a special concern for the welfare of men who are now in camps operated directly by Selective Service.

Contact is maintained with CPS men through personal visiting by members of the staff, through the work consultant correspondents who are serving in twenty different units representing the needs of about 800 men, and through direct letters from men in camps.

Correspondents have received a formidable handbook giving details of the present program which includes a wide variety of services. Anyone who is interested in seeing this handbook can probably borrow it from the AFSC correspondent in his camp or unit. Further questions about the services that are offered can be sent directly to the CPS Office, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa. Following is a summary list of the services described in detail in the handbook:

Dependency Allotments  
Temporary Maintenance Allotments  
(for men just released)  
General Service Fund Supplements  
(for miscellaneous personal needs  
of men in camps)  
Psychiatric Referral Services  
Follow-up Services to Medically  
Discharged Men  
Vocational Counseling:  
Referral to competent consultant  
Referral for testing and counseling  
Provision of books and pamphlets  
AFSC Loan Guaranty Fund Plan  
(for business and farm loans, etc.)

Employment Assistance:  
Through local demobilization com-  
mittees  
Through job opportunities listed  
in Information  
Through personal counseling  
Educational-Personnel Funds  
(for studies of individuals and  
specialized camp groups)  
Grants for Credit Study in CPS  
(correspondence courses, etc.)  
Visiting CPS camps and units  
Information and Information Digest  
Collection of Historical Materials  
Grants-in-Aid for Post-CPS Study

### DEMobilIZATION

The number of men in Civilian Public Service has fallen below 5,000 and continues to drop in accordance with Selective Service plans. CPS will soon be down to one half its maximum strength of 8,600 which was reached last September. Maximum strength of the army was 83,000,000. Army discharges have nearly reached the 7,000,000 mark.

Two physicians and two chemists or chemical engineers have been discharged from CPS on the grounds that their releases are in the national health, safety and interest. No information has been received about additional releases on these grounds.

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## A News Service of Friends Civilian Public Service Office

### SYSTEMATIC DEMOBILIZATION

The Selective Service announcement of groups of CPS men eligible to apply for release beginning on May 1, 1946, makes several favorable changes in the schedule previously announced.

Beginning on May 1, 1946, applications for discharge may be submitted by the following groups of conscientious objectors: (1) Men who have completed three years of service on or before April 30th, 1946. (2) Men with two children and eighteen months of service on or before April 30th, 1946. (3) Men who have one child and thirty months of service by April 30th, 1946.

The complete outline of discharge classifications, including over-age groups and special classifications, is contained in the Selective Service letter dated April 25, 1946. A few men who are in CPS served previously in the American Field Service. Their service in that organization is now considered by Selective Service as comparable to service in CPS and may be considered in determining a man's eligibility to apply for release from CPS.

### CONSCRIPTION ISSUE STILL UNSETTLED

Through the Senate has been occupied with other matters and has not acted on the conscription issue this week, the struggle behind the scenes continues. Lobbyists of all varieties are active. Letters and telegrams to Senators are still very important in determining the final form of the Senate bill. Next to the question of extension itself, the question of drafting 18 and 19 year old men is critical. Most plans for permanent peacetime conscription depend upon the availability of 18 and 19 year olds for military indoctrination. In its effort to have this age group included in the draft the army has offered not to use them for police duty overseas. This willingness to compromise shows the strength of Congressional opposition to army demands. Exemption of these men would be a sharp blow to army plans which seem more and more to be concerned with establishing the policy of peacetime conscription than meeting any clearly defined manpower shortage.

### WHERE ARE YOU NOW?

The CPS Office is compiling a list of addresses of the more than 2,000 men who have been in Friends camps and units at some time. Many inquiries have been coming in concerning the availability of men for jobs, and several letters a day are received with the request that they be forwarded. These services to men released from CPS can be more efficiently provided if the CPS Office is notified of change of address. Regular mailings of the AFSC will not be sent to men on this list unless they have been specifically requested.

### WANTED: JOB OPPORTUNITIES

During the past couple of weeks the job opportunities which have come to our attention have been fewer in number. It will be helpful if CPS men, ex-CPS men and other persons will inform us of any employment opportunities that come to their attention. Please send complete information concerning the position, qualifications required, and the name and address of the person to whom applicants should write, to the CPS Personnel Office, 20 S. 12th St., Philadelphia, 7, Pa. Also advise us whether or not the opportunity may be printed in Information. No close record has been kept of the use made of the job opportunities announced in Information, but we have heard of many men who followed up openings and who have frequently filled them.

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## News Service of Friends Civilian Public Service Office

### WORK STRIKES IN PROGRESS AT GLENDORA AND BIG FLATS

Work strikes in protest against various aspects of the Civilian Public Service Program are now going on at Glendora and Big Flats. More than fifty men assigned to CPS #76, Glendora, California, stopped working on Wednesday, April 24th and are still on strike. The strike includes some kitchen workers, and project work is severely crippled throughout the camp. On May 1st at CPS #46, Big Flats, New York, thirty five men began a complete work strike.

The occasion of the Glendora strike was the administrative order transferring two men, John Atherton and Ed Behre, to the CPS camp at Minersville which for many months has served primarily as a punishment camp. Because of the group action in their behalf these men have not left Glendora.

The men on strike have issued a statement of their objectives and have said that they intend to remain on strike until a settlement is reached. The statement says:

- "1. We object to the use of transfers without the consent of the transferee as punishment.
2. We object to the use of any penalties without warning in advance, a hearing at the time, and the right to appeal.
3. We insist that the two Minersville transfers be rescinded.
4. We insist that we have positive proof that this has been done."

Behind this protest lies the accumulated indignation of CPS men toward other unfortunate aspects of the CPS program: the failure of the government to pay the men for their work, absence of allotments for dependents of the men, no accident compensation, and the discriminatory demobilization program.

The strikers at Big Flats have issued the following official strike statement:

"We strike because we feel that definite action must be taken to demonstrate our opposition to conscription and to the forced labor camps as exemplified by the camps in which conscientious objectors are now held. We also wish to join with CO's in other camps who are protesting specific injustices of the CPS system.

"Specifically, WE PROTEST: Compulsory labor without pay, lack of any dependency allowances; lack of any accident compensation; and the inexcusably slow demobilization of drafted CO's which is now many months behind that of the armed forces.

"THEREFORE, WE join with the men at the Glendora, California, camp and extend the strike to Big Flats, N. Y.. In conclusion we seek to emphasize by this action our opposition to the continuance of conscription in peacetime."

### AFSC GIFTS-IN-KIND PROGRAM BEGINS

The AFSC Gifts-in-Kind Program will start operating in a newly rented warehouse during the first week in May. Three former CPS men are in charge of the work. Wes Huss is responsible for interpretation, procurement and coordination; Tom Finucan will direct the food packaging; and Gordon Foster will be manager of the warehouse. The present Clothing Committee will move to the warehouse and continue its work with Harold Carson, also ex-CPS, in charge.

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### SIX WEEK DRAFT EXTENSION ASSURED BY CONGRESS

The Senate has passed a Joint Resolution extending the Selective Service and Training Act without change to July 1, 1946. It is through the Smith-Connally amendment to the Selective Service Act that the President acquires the power to seize the coal mines now tied up by strikes. When this fact was pointed out in Congress by Senator Barkley, whatever chance there had been that the law would be allowed to expire on May 15th was probably killed. There is little doubt that the House will pass the Joint Resolution with only token opposition and that Selective Service System will continue to operate until July 1st. The passage of the Joint Resolution does not eliminate the bill that was approved by the House several weeks ago. The Senate is expected to consider draft legislation at the end of next week.

### PROTESTS CONTINUE AGAINST UNJUST CONDITIONS IN CPS

The report, May 8th, issued by the strikers at Big Flats says, "The soil conservation project here was almost half-strength today as 36 conscientious objectors began the second week of their strike against the forced labor camp system. Releases of the strikers with the most seniority (about 40 months) were being held up, as the first punitive measure taken by the Selective Service System. This nation-wide protest is directed against no pay, no dependency allotments, no workmen's compensation, and other features of this persecution of a minority group..."

At Glendora the work strike continues with nearly 80 men now involved according to reports. Slowdown activities at Minersville have kept project work at a standstill for many months. Work output at Lapine is close to a minimum, although there is no strike at that camp.

### DEMONSTRATION AT BYBERRY

Men at Byberry have planned a demonstration for Sunday afternoon, May 12th. Following is a portion of the statement which they are distributing:

"... We express our solidarity with these strikers (in other camps) and declare our unqualified support of the objectives of the strike. We refrain from striking only because we feel a responsibility for the patients of this hospital, and we are forced, therefore, to limit our expression of sympathy to this short demonstration. THIS DEMONSTRATION IS DIRECTED AGAINST POLICIES OF SELECTIVE SERVICE AND NOT AGAINST THE ADMINISTRATION OF PHILADELPHIA STATE HOSPITAL. Minimum ward coverage will be maintained during the demonstration.... Now seven months after the end of the war, we are still held as an unpaid labor force, doing work which unemployed citizens might be doing at regular wages.... We support the strikers in their demand for an end to arbitrary transferral of CPS men; we demand pay for our work, dependency allotments for our families, and compensation in case of illness or accident; we insist upon demobilization at a rate comparable to that of other drafted men; we support the right of CPS men to strike without threat of penalties. We pledge ourselves, in peace as we did in war, to an end of militarism and imperialism, the renunciation of all forms of conscription, and for the building of a democratic world in which security, abundance and genuine cooperation will make war not only unnecessary but impossible."

### MEMNONITE PROJECT IN PHILIPPINES

Selective Service has agreed with the Mennonites to release ten CPS men for relief service in the Philippine Islands where the Mennonites hope to set up a community-building project similar to the one they have developed in Puerto Rico.

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# INFORMATION

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### PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION: BATTERED BUT UNBEATEN

The Selective Service Act has been extended by Congress until July 1, 1946. Eighteen and nineteen year old men and all fathers have been exempted. This action was taken on May 14th just a few hours before the act would have expired ending the draft and setting free all men regularly assigned to CPS. The action came after the House refused to approve a stop-gap bill offered by the Senate calling for a six week extension of the law without any changes or restrictions. The House returned to the Senate a bill sanctioning extension to July 1st but forbidding the induction of fathers and men under 20 years. Faced with the expiration of the law if this bill were not passed, the Senate approved and the President signed. No one appears to be satisfied with the status quo, and the coming weeks will see opposing forces maneuvering for strategic positions in the next phase of the struggle over conscription.

104 men have been classified 4-E since April, but were not inducted because of the uncertain draft situation. Sixty nine of them are under 20 years and will now be deferred.

### WORK STRIKES CONTINUE

The work strikes at Big Flats and Glendora are continuing. Four FBI men have investigated the situation at Big Flats, and it is reported that eleven FBI agents have been assigned to Glendora to investigate the circumstances of the strike there and prepare cases against the approximately eighty assignees who are involved.

In connection with the Big Flats strike, the CPS-GI reports that "One of the largest publicity campaigns in CPS history has been launched at Big Flats. To date (first week in May) over 2,000 letters and mimeographed material have been mailed. Besides personal contacts, labor unions, colleges and universities across the country, numerous Congressmen, pacifist organizations, and various church groups have been appealed to for support. Senator Langer indicated his support in a telegram, and asked for suggestions as to specific ways in which he could help. Representative Jerry Voorhis replied by wire that he doing his utmost to speed up CPS demobilization."

Strikers at Glendora have issued a printed statement which says in part, "We have fought forest fires; done parachute fire jumping; made surveys of watershed conditions; served as human 'guinea pigs' in malaria experiments, starvation experiments, nutrition experiments, fatigue experiments, jaundice experiments, altitude experiments, pneumonia experiments, worked in mental hospitals; drained swamps, dug ditches, strung telephone lines. We have received commendations from foresters, scientists, soil conservation men, doctors, and others under whom we have served. Now we wish to protest against undemocratic treatment of ourselves. We are concerned that the way we have been treated may become a precedent for the treatment of others less able to defend themselves than we are. Internment camps are dangerous to democracy."

### STATEMENT OF FORMER CAMP DIRECTOR

The Los Angeles Daily News printed a statement by Clarence Yarrow, ARSC Camp Director at Glendora until March 1, 1946. Part of his statement says, "I became familiar with the conditions that have led to the present work strike...I am surprised that the men in those Civilian Public Service camps have previously shown such restraint. When men are forced to do work which they feel is futile, as has been the case in this camp, over a long period of time with no pay, some explosion must be expected. Wives and children have been left by the government with no provision at all as Selective Service has refused to discharge many cases of genuine hardship, that I have investigated personally..."



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### PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION

It has not yet become clear just when the Senate will resume consideration of draft legislation. Labor legislation occupies Congress at present. Public pressure, through the mails, for action on the CPA situation has eclipsed appeals for action for or against the draft. Although the draft is scheduled to come up next in the Senate and many Senators want to face the conscription issue now and get it over with, it is possible that public pressure may cause the CPA to be considered first, in which case the climax of May 14th might be repeated.

What the Senate will do is just as difficult to predict as when it will do it. Leaders returning from the Paris Conference of Foreign Ministers bring with them a gloomy picture of the future of Europe and indicate a need for U.S. military strength over there. On the other hand, many Congressmen have come to place more faith in the facts and figures of the opponents of conscription than in figures released by the War Department. Conscription News reports that "An informal poll of a number of Senators reveals that there is a greater chance of defeating the one-year extension now than there was prior to the passage of the House-amended six weeks extension."

### DEMOBILIZATION OF CPS

According to a Selective Service announcement, men with 30 months of service in CPS by May 31, 1946, are eligible to apply for release beginning on June 1, 1945. Also eligible to apply are men with two years of service and one child, and men with eighteen months service and two children. Other classifications remain substantially the same as before. In a separate announcement Selective Service says that all applications for release must now contain a statement by the camp director to the effect that the applicant has not participated in any strike or refusal to work since April 15, 1946. If such a statement cannot be made by the camp director, he must submit a detailed statement giving dates, offense, etc. No applications will be considered without one or the other of these statements.

This release schedule may result in the closing of several units formerly under AFSC administration, since all the men in those units are eligible for release: Ames, Concord, Dairy Farmers, Folic Acid, Malaria, Psycho-Acoustic, Rochester. Six former Friends units will have only one man, seven other units will have from two to four men left, and only four special service units will have more than ten men.

### FOURTEEN MORE MEN RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL GRANTS

At the April and May meetings of the AFSC Educational Committee, fourteen men received grants amounting to \$2,828.50. These grants bring the total number of grants made by the committee up to 50, and the total amount of money to \$8,465.50. As usual the men receiving assistance are going to a wide variety of schools for both graduate and undergraduate studies: New York City College, Northwestern, Illinois Institute of Technology, Earlham, Haverford, Iowe, Adair, Jefferson Medical School, California, Boston School of Music, Pennsylvania, and Columbia.

One grant that was made previously had to be withdrawn because the person to whom the grant had been made was unable to secure admission to the school he planned to attend, due to crowded conditions.

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DEMOBILIZATION OF CPS Systematic demobilization of Civilian Public Service began last September 21st when CPS was at its maximum strength of 8591 men. 5220 men were released between September 21, 1945 and May 28, 1946. This means that 61% of the men who were in CPS when its manpower was greatest have now been released. Some men have been inducted into CPS during this period, so that the present strength hovers around 40% of the maximum.

The following figures are interesting but do not relate directly to the demobilization picture since they cover all releases over five years time, many of which had nothing to do with the demobilization program. The total number of men inducted into CPS since May 1941 is 11,875. During the course of the program and up to May 28, 1946, there were 8149 discharges. This figure includes all discharges for any reason, medical, change of heart, dependency, etc. Thus, 69% of all the men who were ever inducted into CPS have been released.

MORE ARRESTS AT GLENDORA Word has been received that 40 of the 81 men who have been on work strike at Glendora have been arrested. Bail was set at \$1000. Negotiations to have it reduced and the men released are now in progress. Six men had previously been arrested and released on bail.

Note: We stated incorrectly last week that the six men who were arrested at Big Flats on May 20th had been released on bail. Some complications developed and they have not been released.

STRIKE FOR A WEEK AT CASCADE LOCKS About a dozen men at Cascade Locks CPS Camp carried on a work strike for five days in the middle of May to register their "opposition to peacetime conscription in general and to this system of alternative service in particular." As they ended their strike the men declared that "Retention of the CPS system at this time not only involved a practice of slavery, but bars unemployed veterans and other civilians from obtaining those jobs at a fair rate of pay. This competition between slavery and the rights of the working man must not be allowed to continue."

Enoch Crumpton, one time camp director at Waldport, Oregon, participated in the strike. "In my opinion," he said, "the persons who have endured the greatest hardships and sacrifices in this conscripted CPS world are the wives and children of men assigned to camps....During wartime emergency many things can be justified, but at this point of returning to a peacetime world, there can be little justification for continuing a system which is so fundamentally opposed to the principles we uphold as 'the American way of life'. Either the men should be released immediately and allowed to care for their families or the Selective Service administration should accept the complete responsibilities of conscription..."

HUNGER STRIKES IN FIVE PRISONS Conscientious objectors in four U.S. prisons are continuing their amnesty hunger strikes which began on May 11th, the day of the amnesty demonstration in Washington. At Sandstone, Minn., Henry Dyer, Igal Roodenko, Malcolm Parker, Charles Worley, John Hampton, and Richard Zumwinkle have refused to eat; at Danbury, Conn., Wallace Nelson and Thomas Parks; at Chillicothe, Ohio, Al Ebeling; and at Lewisburg, Pa., Robert Hegler. At Springfield, Mo., Bent Andresen, who walked out of CPS to spend his time protesting the use of the atomic bomb, has passed his 200th day of refusal to eat.

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June 7, 1946

## A News Service of Friends Civilian Public Service Office

### CPS STAFF SHRINKS

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Paul Furnas, who has been Executive Director for four and a half years, leaves for Earlham College where he will be in charge of the business affairs of the college. Agnes Mason, his secretary for several years, will leave the CPS Office to become secretary to Elmore Jackson and Lou Schneider in the AFSC Personnel Office. Ken Morgan leaves the CPS Education Office to take a faculty position at Colgate University. He will teach religion courses and be in charge of the chapel and other religious activities. Charles Read also finishes his work in the Education Office. He will soon go abroad as head of the AFSC Mission for Relief Work in France. Charles Mitchell is ending more than four years of work in the CPS Social Service Office. He is going to the School of Social Service Administration of the University of Chicago to spend six months writing a thesis and taking final examinations for the Masters Degree in Psychiatric Social Work. His thesis will deal with the psychiatric program for men in CPS.

Steve Powelson is contemplating a cattle-boat trip following his release this month, after which he will return to his pre-CPS work as a public accountant. Cassius Fenton, also expecting his release in June, will move from CPS to the AFSC Finance Office. Bob Beach and Charles Schilling will wind up their work on the CPS files near the end of the month. Bob has accepted a position as Librarian at the Garrett Biblical Institute in Chicago. Bob Hungerford, who was working on the files, has been discharged from CPS and will return to his home in Oregon. Dave Newhall has been editing Information. He leaves to teach philosophy at Smith College.

Gordon Foster has joined the CPS staff to be in charge of continued AFSC services to CPS men. The work of the Social Service Office (dependency assistance, Temporary Maintenance Fund, etc.) is being taken over by Norma Mabee — perhaps better introduced to CPS men as Carleton Mabee's wife. Barry Hollister is continuing his personnel and counseling work for CPS men. He is not yet scheduled for release; but he has been appointed Dean of Students at Antioch College and will take up his work there as soon as he is out of CPS. Carrol Feagins is expected to arrive from Gatlinburg shortly, release in hand, to assist with personnel work and camp and unit visitation. Additional secretarial and office help will bring the CPS staff to eight persons.

Educational grants to CPS men will continue to be handled by Jay Savereid in the AFSC Personnel Office. He is also working on a college teacher placement program. The AFSC Loan Guaranty Committee continues to function with Cassius Fenton handling the correspondence.

### EDUCATION GRANTS-IN-AID

Until the Committee on Educational Aid, of which Wallace Hamilton is Executive Secretary, secures funds and is able to make grants, the AFSC Education Committee is expanding its policy in order to make grants to COs who have been in prisons or government or Catholic CPS units and who have not until now been covered by the AFSC grant program. Applications should be addressed to Jay Savereid, Personnel Office, AFSC, 20 South 12th St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

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Education Secretaries' Newsletter

Several people have remarked lately that the Edsecs Letter has not been appearing with commendable promptness. We have not promised to meet a regular deadline; in fact, we try not to send one unless there's a reason. But lately we have not written one because we have been spending all our time on the orientation booklet we discussed at the conference.

There is no name for the booklet yet--we're trying to make it a Guide to What Every Intelligent CPS Man Should Know About the Origins, History and Motivations of AFSC CPS -- but there is a sentiment around the office that such a title would be unwieldy. Parts of it have been written by Fred Tolles, Charlie Read, Sam Marble and Ken Morgan, and now it has been mimeographed in a tentative form so that a copy may be sent to each edsec, representative, and various staff people for checking before it is finally produced. We'll be wanting your suggestions both as to content and style. We're feeling more hopeful about it since Naomi says that it's better than she expected.

Visiting In between times, we've started on a visiting program which will enable us to visit all the Friends units between January 1st and April 1st. Sam has been at Trenton and Amcs, with stop-offs to visit the R & R units at Alexian and Minneapolis. Charles has visited Byberry, Presbyterian, Welfare and Philadelphia Jaundice, has been at Glendora and is now setting out for Coleville, Belden, Elkton, Portland, Medical Lake, Missoula, Trenton and Minneapolis. (We're skipping the government camps since we've not been invited to Lapine or Germansk, and the official comments on our visits to Mancos were unfavorable.) Ken has recently visited Big Flats, Cooperstown, Massachusetts General, Concord, Middletown and Stockley. Ho's just returning from Highland, Gatlinburg, Wooster and Coshocton.

One of the Trenton men said the other day that the Ceramics groups under Hal Riegger is, in his opinion, the best organized and instructed special study groups he's seen in CPS. Trenton has also published one of the cleverest intra-camp papers yet to come out....The Minneapolis men continue to report blushing that they're in Shengra-La....The Philadelphia Jaundice men have been doing some extra studying, but several of them find that a high fever limits study and the well men are a little too busy for much free time activity....A goodly number of the men at Presbyterian and Welfare have been taking courses at the New School and Columbia. One man has completed his M.A. in music....One of the men settling in for the 30 day life raft experiment at Welfare has 17 books to read; they've suggested that they'd like to try a desert island experiment, if they could have their books.

At Mass. Gen'l, they're going happily on their way taking advantage of the opportunities in Boston, working in the hospital, participating in experiments. They've noticed that morale is highest when the men are in difficult experiments. One night a week, they lead a worship service in the hospital chapel....Concord is a good unit with an expanding educational program even though it is the only hospital unit which has no free time for the educational and personnel secretaries. They have an unusual amount of musical talent there, with both instrumental and choral music and plans for a Bach Cantata for Easter. One night a week the men join the wives in an evening of knitting and yarn-winding for the AFSC Clothing Committee.

The educational program under Sam Grand at Middletown tempts one to pun on his name. They've a Seminar on Human Relations which is stimulating interest in careful planning for action in Negro-white, Jewish-Gentile, and just plain everyday human relations. Incidentally, that has proved to be a good name for such a study. Recently they had Roland Bainton up for a pot-luck supper with the local FOR and had about 80 people there. (Roland Bainton has promised to give us the month of August for visiting in the east. As Middletown testifies, he's tops.)

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# Education Secretaries NEWS OF THE



There have been a good many changes in the edsecs recently. Frank Walton has been released at Mass. General; George Loveland from New Haven is now released and working for the European Transport Unit; Roger Craven attained the mature age of 35 and was released from Welfare Island, Malasia; Jack Cessell has just finished his work at Williamsburg; Bob Coe is another over-thirty-fiver who has gone home, from Pennhurst; Art Little is absent-sick from Gatlinburg and will be released before his recuperation period ends; Arnie Olena was released from Philadelphia Jaundice and is now in Washington helping Ray Wilson; Ted Horvath left Rochester, a free man after almost four years; Elton Atwater finished his work at Laurel, though he isn't up for release yet; and in several other units the edsecs are expecting to be released in January or February. The percentage seems to be no causal relation which could be pointed out in recruiting a new staff.

The changes are affecting the Philadelphia staff, too. Helen Ring leaves this office on January 17th to become secretary in the Peace Section for Wanneta Chance. We hate to see her go, but CPS is happily not a permanent vocation and we can't offer any kind of permanency in our section. And Sam Marble has had his physical after almost four years' service, so he should be getting his release this week. Sam has been in the office since the end of the 101 unit — you know his work too well to need any eulogy from us. Suffice to say that his warm friendliness has made it a pleasure for us to work with him, and we'll miss him.

For the next six weeks, Ken Morgan will be out of the office, making a survey for the Service Committee of the foreign student exchange plans of governmental and private organizations to see if there are projects which will not be done by others and should be undertaken by the AFSC. He'll be back to work in CPS wherever he is needed after March first.

Charles Read is now in charge of the education program in Friends CPS, with Madge Smith continuing as his secretary. With almost no decrease in the work of the office, those two will have an enormous burden to carry. We bespeak your help. There are still 1200 men in Friends CPS, will be about 1000 on March first unless releases are speeded ahead of the announced schedule. With most of the local staffs changing, with new types of programs to be set up under the government administration, and with increased needs for services for the men not yet released, the educational job in Friends CPS is by no means ended.

Budget Charlie will be corresponding with each camp and unit concerning the educational budget. In the meantime, continue on the same budget as last year and do not hesitate to make expenditures for necessary items in your educational and recreational program. Because of the unsettled nature of CPS, many of those expenses will be for individual needs of the men, but they're even more necessary and should not be slighted. Assistance for correspondence study and for study in nearby schools and colleges will be continued as in the past.

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# Education Secretaries' NEWS LETTER



## HAIL BUT NOT FAREWELL

The termination of Friends Civilian Public Service takes place on March 2, 1946. This is a termination of all Friends administrative responsibilities for CPS camps and units. It had been our hope that by this date CPS men would all be released. Since this unfortunately is not the case, however, the education, personnel, and social services to CPS men continue to be available to those who want them. We shall look forward to correspondence and visits with men, and we stand ready to be of any help that we can either in their current free-time interests or in their post-CPS educational planning.

It is not certain that the Newsletter will continue its occasional appearance, but there will probably be a sheet from the offices carrying news of relevance in these three fields. This will go to those who serve as the consultant-correspondents for our office in the camps and units. In addition to this, Information will continue to be published for more general circulation.

To all of you who have been working as education secretaries we want to express our appreciation for your help and work. If the expression of our thanks is a little impersonal in this mimeographed form, it is none the less sincere. We shall hope to hear from you as frequently as in the past and shall continue to value your suggestions regarding the ways in which our services may be of increasing usefulness to CPS men.

## TOWARD A PEACEFUL SOCIETY

The directory of organizations of religious and social interest, sent out in preliminary draft under this title, has been carefully revised, in accordance with the information which we received from the organizations described. Last week we delivered the manuscript to our publisher, The American Council on Public Affairs in Washington. They have been putting on the final editorial touches, and this week the copy should go to the printer; we expect the type setting to begin shortly and hope that we shall have our copies in the next month. It will, however, appear under a different title than that which we first used. Beside those copies which will be printed for the Service Committee's use (including those for men who have been in Friends CPS), the Council on Public Affairs will sell the volume commercially. It will, therefore, have a much wider usefulness than the CPS constituency,

## NEED FOR NON-NAZI BOOKS IN GERMAN

In the development of its relief work in Germany and Austria, the AFSC is finding one of the needs which it should fill to be the provision of books in German. In Vienna it seems likely that we will have "warming rooms," to which people may come to get warm and to receive a cup of cocoa or coffee. With this as a basis, the possibilities of additional work in the "warming rooms" opens up promisingly. If it is possible to develop libraries in connection with them, that might well prove to be a great service. Also, tools for crafts work would enable our workers to broaden the opportunities which they can offer those visiting these centers. Illustrative of the need for books is the following paragraph from a letter of William Edgerton, a member of the Friends UNRRA team in Bavaria:

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